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Sadness at end of 40-year market

TRADERS and loyal shoppers have spoken of their sadness as they bid farewell to a market in Brierley Hill which has closed its gates for the final time.

Manager Shane Birch-Bastock has locked the gates for good at Concord Market, which has been a fixture on High Street for more than 40 years.

Glasses of bubbly and thoughts drifting to the market's heyday made for an emotional send off as the last remaining traders packed up on Saturday.

And the final day of trading also brought a plea from managers and stallholders to customers to use local shops and markets or face losing them forever.

Mr Birch-Bastock, who is chairman of Brierley Hill Traders' Association, said: "It is a really sad day to think it is coming to an end."

Jez Thorpe and his wife Cairen packed up their Fresh Harvest Fruit and Veg store but are planning to stay in the town, moving into the old Potters Bakery, Mill Street.

Mr Thorpe, 47, said: "We still think Brierley Hill is a good town and has a good high street so we wanted to stay."

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Cyclist hurt in collision

A CYCLIST suffered serious head injuries and leg fractures in a road smash in Brierley Hill.

Police were forced to close the road, just off the High Street, following the accident, which involved a car.

Residents living, in Moor Street, heard a bang at around 8pm on Saturday and rushed outside. Paramedics arrived shortly afterwards as residents began tending to the cyclist.

Crews treated a man, aged in his 30s, for serious head injuries and leg fractures. He was taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The woman driver was treated for minor injuries.

HOW PHOTOGRAPH PUT CROOK IN JAIL

by Will Ackermann

A COWBOY builder who pocketed £15,000 laying shoddy drives is behind bars - thanks to an eagle-eyed reader from Dudley.

Patrick Dunne tricked five householders into paying for driveways that their cars sank into within days of work being finished. The father-of-11 has now started a 15-month prison sentence.

His fraudulent operation was foiled after Walter Poole, a 66-year-old retired coach driver from Dudley, spotted a picture in the *Chronicle's* sister paper, the *Express & Star*, which led to Dunne's arrest.

It showed Stacy Handley and was published alongside a story about him being jailed for 18 months for pocketing up to £57,000 by laying unsafe drives throughout the Black Country while working for a firm called JJ Callaghan.

Mr Poole had been ripped off by the firm almost two years earlier, but had not reported the incident, assuming nothing could be done.

He had needed a new drive with a smooth surface after a bad fall left him with difficulty walking, but wanted to wait until he received compensation for his injuries.

After falling victim to Dunne's threatening con he found himself £5,000 out of pocket.

Charming

Mr Poole, of Clarence Road, said: "He became menacing and warned he would dig a hole in the front garden unless I came up with the cash. I had to borrow £2,000 from a friend to get him off my back. He was a real Jekyll and Hyde character - charming one minute and very aggressive the next."

When Mr Poole saw the picture and recognised Dunne, he contacted Trading Standards officials in Dudley, who had worked on the JJ Callaghan case with colleagues from Wolverhampton. Those officials believed Handley had a key accomplice in his scam, but had been unable to identify him.

Mr Poole provided CCTV footage with sound, showing Handley and another man from JJ Callaghan, who spoke as though he owned the firm, working at his home.

A trading standards officer watched the tape days before working on a joint operation with police, which involved stopping



Patrick Dunne at the police check in Halesowen



Walter and Angela Poole - victims of Dunne



Stacy Handley - monitored

and checking vehicles on Cakemore Road, Halesowen. One of the vehicles stopped was a van carrying the livery of a paving firm - not JJ Callaghan.

The Trading Standards officer immediately recognised the driver as the man from the CCTV footage. It was Patrick Dunne.

The 44-year-old said he was a sub-contractor working for many firms but denied running any of them. He was arrested by police in connection with an unrelated offence that was not proceeded with.

But after eight victims of his shoddy drives racket picked him out in a video identity parade, police raided and searched his home in Stafford Road, Coven, on May 9, 2011.

Meanwhile, Handley had been released on licence from prison and was being monitored by probation officers. He told them he was now working with Dunne in a firm called P and S Paving. The initials stood for Patrick and Stacy, confirming that the pair worked closely together.

Coincidentally, the same Trading Standards officer who had seen Mr Poole's CCTV footage was again on hand when Dunne was

pulled over in another routine operation stopping vehicles on Cakemore Road, Halesowen on November 25, 2011.

This time the van was branded P and S Paving, which Dunne said stood for Patrick and Scott, Scott being a relative of his.

Moments after he had driven away, another van was stopped at the same check point. It was being driven by Scott, who confirmed that P and S actually stood for Patrick and Stacy.

Charged

As Scott spoke to the Trading Standards officer his mobile phone rang. Dunne was warning him not to drive along that road because vans were being stopped.

The official took the call and told him: "You're too late."

Dunne was charged last summer and has now admitted 21 offences connected with JJ Callaghan, including being involved in a business that was carried on to defraud customers between February 1, 2009, and December 10, 2010.

He also pleaded guilty to 12 fraud offences and eight of engaging in a misleading com-

mercial practice. He had laid shoddy drives in Dudley, Halesowen and Wolverhampton.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that when one disgruntled customer finally found a working phone number for Dunne her complaint was greeted with laughter.

She heard Dunne say: "This stupid person thinks I am going to repair their drive", before he hung up, it was claimed.

Mr Jackson said: "He ran a fraudulent business and conned and duped his customers in almost every aspect of his dealings with them."

"He lied about his name, his business address, that works were guaranteed, that his business offered the best in customer care, when payments for work would be requested and what work would be carried out. He failed over and over again to provide customers with information about their right to cancel their contract and the quality of his work was appalling."

Judge Helen Hughes told Dunne: "This was a pre-planned operation and there is no doubt your customers felt threatened and intimidated."

Manhunt as robber strikes five times

A MANHUNT has been launched for a thief suspected of five robberies in Halesowen including the snatching of a handbag from a woman as she walked through a graveyard.

Police believe all the robberies were committed by the same person following descriptions by the victims.

A 50-year-old woman had her handbag snatched as she walked across the churchyard of St John the Baptist Church, off Halesowen High Street, in the latest attack.

Officers said the offender was seen jumping into a black car, possibly a Ford Focus, shortly after the attack at 8.30pm on June 16.

They said a similar robbery happened four weeks earlier, in Windsor Road and on 18 May, a man was spotted rummaging through the bags of a car at the car park of Tesco Express, Stourbridge Road.

Police are linking those crimes to two robberies on March 2 in Oak Tree Crescent and Hagley Road West.

Victims described the man as black, 5ft 8in to 6ft, stocky and in his early 20s. At least twice he was wearing a grey hoodie with a black shiny jacket over the top.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Action urged over parking

'DISGRACEFUL' parking outside Brierley Hill Primary School has prompted community leaders to call for action.

Parents were leaving cars parked by driveways and on grass verges and pavements, Rita Tibbets, of nearby The Promenade, said. The 70-year-old said some residents were unable to leave their homes to get to work and told a community forum for Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett parking was nothing short of a disgrace.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris said it was time to talk to council departments and the police to see how it could be resolved.

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Waste mountain will go – councillor

PEOPLE faced with a mountain of rubbish overlooking their homes from a recycling firm are at the "beginning of the end" in their campaign to see the pile removed, a community leader has claimed.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris has dismissed fears the rubbish pile at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, RDF, in Brierley Hill, will never be cleared. Firm boss Robert McNaughton

has been told by a High Court judge he will be jailed for six months if he does not move the tons of household rubbish and other waste from the site by September 10.

Councillor Harris said the Environment Agency would work to remove the waste, and potentially bill Mr McNaughton for the work, if he was put behind bars.

She said: "Him leaving the site

and the waste remaining there – that is not going to happen. The Environment Agency would negotiate with the company and other agencies to clear the site up.

"If needs be, they would then pursue the directors of RDF and the landlord for costs."

She added: "I really believe this is the beginning of the end."

At the High Court hearing in

Birmingham last week, Mr McNaughton was found in contempt of court having failed to meet targets to clear the mound at the company site in Moor Street.

Judge Mr Justice Burton gave Mr McNaughton a six-month jail sentence suspended for six months.

He also banned any further waste being taken on to the site from July 10.

Store is to look into free parking

PARTS of a superstore's car park in Brierley Hill could be opened up to the public for free in an attempt to boost custom in the town following the closure of an indoor market.

Asda, in Pearson Street, has 400 car parking spaces but is not always full.

Now bosses there have agreed to look into the idea of free parking which had been raised by some traders in the town centre, who are concerned about losing custom.

At present motorists have to pay £1 to park at Asda for up to two hours.

But they can get a refund by spending more than £2 in the store.

Asda department manager Patrick Molloy said: "In realistic terms £1 is not a lot of money – but I can see that it is about paying for parking some people think about."

"We can have a look at the idea of free parking.

I can't guarantee anything, but will be happy to talk to my boss to see if anything can be done."

Brierley Hill has lost its Concord Market in High Street, after the owner said the number of traders there had dwindled.

College unveils vision for campus building

DUDLEY College has unveiled these images showing how its latest multi-million town centre campus building will look.

The new engineering and manufacturing complex is the third stage of the new £30 million Learning Quarter in Dudley.

Dudley Advance, in Priory Road, will give students specialised manufacturing skills. Bosses say the £6m centre will support the local and national engineering, technology and manufacturing sectors.

College principal Lowell Williams said facilities were crucial to training the next generation of engineers in the Black Country.

And new artist impressions of Dudley Advance were released, showing how it will look when it is opened in September 2014.

Metal features on the outside of the two other new campus buildings, Dudley Evolve and Dudley Sixth, have been continued on the new building. The cube-like structure has been designed to look like it is encased by machined steel, covered in zinc-type cladding.

Designers say this represents the industrial heritage of the area and creates an attractive building.



The look of the new Dudley Advance building is to reflect the industrial heritage of the region

Distinctive

Mr Williams said Dudley Advance was an exciting and distinctive project.

He said: "There has been a great deal of interest shown in the development by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

"They are excited about the new learning opportunities we will be able to offer and the latest addition to the Learning Quarter, which will focus on the development of high value manufacturing and engineering skills.

Tenders issued to pre-selected contractors are expected back by mid July, and work will begin at the end of August.

Key partners Aston University have helped shape the curriculum in consultation with local employers including manufacturers Thomas Dudley Ltd and the Hadley Group.

Bosses say there will be a heavy emphasis on the development of science, technology, engineering and maths, and enterprise skills.

The centre will house specialist teaching spaces which will be fitted out with industry specific equipment for mechatronics, electrical engineering and engineering science, as well as traditional machine tool based engineering.



The new centre will focus on developing manufacturing and engineering skills, says the principal

Campaign on rape is launched

A CAMPAIGN to stop an increase in summer-time rapes has been launched by police in Worcestershire and Shropshire.

StopRapeNow.co.uk tells young women it is not a crime to look good, and that sex without their consent is rape.

The campaign has been launched by police, health and support agencies and councils in the West Mercia Police region, because reports of rape increase in the summer.

Det Supt Graeme Pallister, crime manager for Warwickshire and West Mercia Police forces, said: "A woman has the right to say no. If there's any question about whether she's drunk too much to give consent, assume she hasn't given it."

Posters, cards, and stickers are being distributed to raise awareness of the campaign.

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Shopping ban for thief, 24



William Gamble

A THIEF with more than 42 shoplifting convictions has been banned from Merry Hill shopping centre for 18 months.

William Gamble, aged 24, is not allowed to enter the centre, or Boots, Co-op supermarket, Iceland and B&M retail stores in Dudley.

Gamble, of no fixed address, was recently been released from prison and a Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order (Crasbo) to ban him from shops comes into force.

The order was issued by Dudley Magistrates after he was convicted of stealing two TVs from B&M and perfume from Boots. Both offences were in December.

Gamble, who began offending at the age of 12, must leave retail premises if asked by staff or security officers in any of the stores covered by the order.

Graffiti is left daubed on mosque

A BLACK Country mosque which was burned to the ground in 2009, has been targeted by racist vandals.

Racist graffiti has been plastered over one of the walls at Cradley Heath Central Mosque and Islamic Centre, Plant Street.

The white paint made reference to the English Defence League. It was discovered on Monday.

The original mosque was a thriving part of the community with 400 worshippers using it and classes of children being taught there.

The worshippers had to find somewhere else to worship while the mosque was rebuilt.

Sandwell Council deputy leader Councillor Mahboob Hussain said: "We do not want to see graffiti like this anywhere in the borough."

Superintendent Bas Javid said: "A police investigation has been launched."

Cashier 'overwhelmed' by her theft jailed

THE head cashier of a solicitors firm who stole £165,000 from the company handed herself in because she was 'overwhelmed' by what she had done, a court heard.

Judge John Warner said Pauline Sutcliffe had 'breached the trust' of her bosses and the clients of Stables and Co Solicitors. He jailed her for 14 months last week.

The business, which had practices in Rowley Regis, Halesowen and Stourbridge, closed in April 2012 after all three partners were declared bankrupt. Sutcliffe handed herself in to police for

fear of being found out in the weeks after the firm closed but prosecutors claimed her theft would have gone unnoticed had she not admitted her crime.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Sutcliffe, who was head cashier at the Halesowen branch, was in control of cash paid into the firm by clients.

But instead of paying the full cash amount into the firm's accounts, Sutcliffe would skim off a small proportion for herself. False ledgers were then submitted to cover her tracks, the court heard. Sutcliffe, aged 58, of

Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to stealing from the firm between April 1, 2001 and December 31, 2010.

Miss Joanne Barker, prosecuting, said: "None had a clue what she was doing and they trusted her."

She added: "It was an unsophisticated operation which involved her simply filling out false ledgers for cash which was not paid in and then her juggling the accounts at the end of each month, effectively using other money that was put in to cover the money she had kept."



Pauline Sutcliffe - jailed

Sadness and pride of boss as market empire declines

BLACK COUNTRY born-and-bred Stan Bastock rose from a humble background to become a millionaire not just once, but three times over.

In the world of the market trader he was the original 'Del Boy'. But unlike the comedy TV character in Only Fools and Horses, Mr Bastock had a life of wealth and fame by the age of 30.

Owning three thriving markets in Brierley Hill and Sedgley - all named after the airliner Concord - he was tasting the high life.

But now, nine years after he died aged 75 in 2004, the market empire he built up has fallen away. Only the market in Sedgley, set up in 1976, remains.

The first two markets he launched with his wife Sheila have gone. The 'bottom centre' Concord Market in High Street opened in the early 1960s, but was shut in 2006.

The 'top centre' Concord Market which opened in 1983, a few doors down from the first market, is closing because of a dwindling number of traders.

"My step-father would have closed the Concord market in Brierley Hill years ago," admits Shane Bastock-Birch, Mr Bastock's stepson, managing director of Pentax Developments.

Decision

The Brierley Hill-based firm, also set up by Mr Bastock, managed the Concord markets as well as 30 offices and commercial properties in the town.

"My father was decisive. If he saw something was losing money he would have made the hard decision," says Mr Birch-Bastock.

"Although the market was losing money and traders, I found it difficult to nail down the closure because I know so many of the market holders, many of whom were here from the start."

Mr Birch-Bastock said his step-father quickly spotted a potential for operating a market through his early years of running a fishmongers with his parents in various markets in the Black Country.

After running two shops in Brierley Hill he made the move to open the 'bottom centre' Concord Market in the High Street in the early 1960s, attracting 25 traders immediately.

The town picked up a reputation for market deals and people would travel from across the Midlands. Business thrived and



Manager Shane Birch-Bastock locks up for the last time



Sheila and Stan Bastock at the market during its heyday

Mr Bastock was soon buying up more properties in the town including the old Odeon cinema before snapping up his next market, this time in Sedgley in 1976, attracting 27 traders.

Six years later, he turned his attention back to Brierley Hill to open a second market, just a few doors down from his first, in the High Street, nick-naming it the 'top centre'. The market started out as outdoor, but following a freezing first winter Mr Bastock splashed out £1 million to build an archway and two front offices.

"The markets were packed, full of noisy stall holders and shoppers looking for a bargain. It was quite an atmosphere to grow up in and I was expected to get involved,"

says Mr Birch-Bastock. "My step-father said 'you must learn the market trade to grow up' and told me to run by own hardware store - he was right, it was a great start into the business world."

But from the 1980s trade began to fall as people's shopping habits began to change with the rise of department stores and supermarkets. Merry Hill shopping centre opened in 1985 and is continually developed.

Retirement

Mr Bastock passed Pentax Developments on to his stepson, and step-daughters Kim and Julie, as he neared retirement.

In 2006, Mr Birch-Bastock oversaw the closure of the 'top centre'.

He said: "The town could no longer

accommodate three markets. There was not the demand."

Now, the 'bottom centre' is closing, leaving just the Old Market.

Mr Birch-Bastock said the Concord Market in Sedgley was still performing well. He said: "We've only a few spaces in Sedgley. Sedgley has proved to be more suitable for a market in this modern day. Maybe it's down to how much people have to spend or shopping centres nearby. All I can say is that Sedgley is doing very well."

Looking back over the business's history, Mr Birch-Bastock said: "Of course it saddens me to see the closure of the markets, but I'm also proud of what my family has done."



Stallholder Jez Thorpe, from Fresh Harvest Fruit & Veg

NEWS in brief

Pass out parade hosted by club

PUBLIC service students at Dudley College celebrated the end of their course by holding a 'Pass Out Parade'.

More than 100 took part at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club, entertaining invited guests with demonstrations that showed their levels of communication, teamwork, fitness and leadership skills.

More than 500 guests, including families and dignitaries, were there to show their support.

Centre manager Paul Rigen said: "We are very proud of our students who have risen to the many challenges that the course has brought. They have developed their personal skills along the way."

Festival to show talent at its best

TALENTED people in Blackheath will be showcasing their skills at the town's Talent Festival on Saturday. Budding singers, comics, bands and dancers will be taking part.

The event will take place between 2pm and 6pm and is open to all ages. It has been organised by Sandwell Council and local partners and will feature live acts, magic shows, a fun fair and Sandwell's brand new Youth Bus.

Fusion Dance will also be putting on a special show on Blackheath High Street as part of the event. High Street, between Henderson Way and Bassano Road and Beet Street in Blackheath, will be closed from 11am to 8pm.

Thousands hit by power failure

THOUSANDS of homes in Dudley were hit by a power cut that shut a school and left traffic lights out.

More than 4,000 properties lost power for 30 minutes last Thursday morning, due to an underground cable fault.

Among those affected was Hillcrest School and Community College, Simms Lane, which was shut to pupils in the morning.

A wise champion

A SOCIAL value champion has been recruited by Sandwell Council in a bid to ensure public money is spent wisely. John Garrett, Sandwell Council's deputy chief executive, will be taking on the role to develop stronger relationships between businesses and local authorities.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE outgoing head of the NHS, Sir David Nicholson, accuses the media of having a "lack of balance" when reporting on the NHS. Better a lack of balance than a surfeit of coffins, eh?

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AFTER the story of Eva, who married Mr Weaver to become Eva Weaver, have any readers had to think long and hard before taking on their husband's surname? Do let me know.

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QUOTE of the week comes from Russian President Vladimir Putin on the vexed issue of what to do with whistleblowers: "Extraditing human-rights defenders like Snowden and Assange is like shearing a pig - too much squeaking, too little wool." The thing about Putin is you can actually imagine him shearing a pig.

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JUST when you think there's nothing left to invent, along comes the "hovering mug" with a handle that goes under the base of the mug to catch drips and protect wooden surfaces. One of the inventors declares proudly: "It's going to change the way people think about mugs." Calm down, lad. It's still only a mug.

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AS he crossed the Grand Canyon in high winds and without a safety harness or net, high-wire artist Nik Wallenda was seen to be murmuring prayers. I dare say they were on the lines of: "Oh, Dear Lord, why has thou, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy, made thine humble servant such a freekin' idiot?"

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Council re-think over 'graffiti' signs on road

Choir to perform at family fun day

KEEP clear warning signs criticised by residents as 'graffiti on the road' will be removed from a quiet Quarry Bank cul-de-sac.

People in Birch Coppice were left angry after the road markings warning drivers they cannot park were painted in the street.

Council bosses said they had taken the action after being contacted by a resident concerned about problem parking. But they have now done a U-turn after the signs proved unpopular with other people living in the street.

Around 30 residents attended a meeting with ward councillor Bryan Cotterill, who told them the decision had been made to remove the markings.

Michael Hill, aged 58, who has lived in the street for 50 years, said: "It's like graffiti on the road. It's the size of the writing meant for motorways and we don't need that here."

Blocked

His partner June Rigby said residents had only found out about the markings when they looked out of their windows or returned home at the end of the day. She said: "We weren't asked about it."

Resident Michelle Potter, 47, who first contacted the council for help because the two driveways at her house were often blocked by parked cars, said she never expected the road markings to appear.

She said she had hoped for a solution such as a bollard to stop people parking by her driveways.

"I couldn't believe what they'd done when I saw it. I don't want to cause problems. I didn't want this," she said.

Councillor Cotterill said he was also surprised by the action the council had taken, adding: "I'd have expected this after there had been a series of accidents."



Unhappy Birch Coppice residents including Janice Stokes, Teresa Taylor and daughter Amy

THE 50-strong Rock Choir will be performing on Sunday at a family fun day.

The choir, with members from Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove and Redditch, will be entertaining crowds at Arrow Valley park's green fair and family fun day.

They will perform feel-good contemporary songs, conducted by Christa Hugo, at the park in Redditch.

Ms Hugo said: "Many of the Rock Choir members taking part live within the community, so we were delighted to be invited to sing in front of our home crowd."

"We're hoping the sun will shine and bring out lots of people, and that everyone enjoys our performance."

Amateur singers can join a Rock Choir in a number of towns and cities around the country.

On Saturday, local choir members will be joining thousands of members from across the UK to sing at London's O2 Arena.

"We're about to become the biggest choir ever to perform at the O2," said Ms Hugo.

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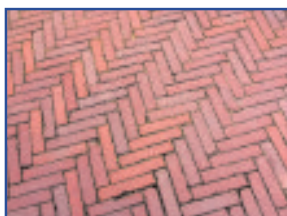


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Stars turn out for funeral of comic Lee



Comedian Lee Wilson

MORE than 350 people, including showbiz stars such as Jasper Carrott and Tom O'Connor, attended the funeral of comedian Lee Wilson.

Lee Wilson, whose real name was Geoff Beards, died aged 74, weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The great-grandfather was a regular on the local comedy circuit and during his career mixed with some of the leading lights in the world of showbiz.

During the service at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford, Jasper Carrott paid a glowing tribute. He said: "Lee had this passion for life - wherever we were, it was great."

Tributes were also paid by his wife Sheila, children Tracy, Lee and Debbie, their seven grandchildren and great granddaughter. Mr Wilson was born in Wednesbury and lived in Tipton before moving to Stourbridge.

Club boss tells of night that ended in stabbing

THE boss of a Stourbridge club has spoken of the night which ended with a stabbing drama in the street outside.

Kye Flatman, manager of The Arena nightclub, revealed that trouble had flared during a themed garage music night attended by hundreds of people.

Up to 700 people were at the Shape Shifterz-branded night at The Arena, but trouble erupted in the early hours of June 23 when a man was attacked with a bottle.

Mr Flatman said a number of people were thrown out by the nightclub's security team.

But the problem escalated outside and three people were hurt in a brawl which involved a knife.

One man was stabbed and treated overnight in hospital.

Arrested

Five men, aged from 21 to 31, were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. They have been given police bail until the end of August.

Mr Flatman described the fight as a 'hiccup' as he attempts to improve the reputation at the club, formerly called The Picture House.

The Shape Shifterz event was the first held by the nightclub in Hagley Road, and was in operation alongside another event called Wide Awake at the same venue on the evening.

Both events were set to go

by Alex Ross

on until 6am - but were cut short just after 3am because of the stabbing. Mr Flatman, who has been manager of the club for two months, said: "Lessons have been learned."

"We didn't expect the amount of people to attend, although we had the night covered safety-wise with 14 bouncers."

"There was a small amount of trouble dealt with inside and that was fine, but when it got outside there was a problem."

Police were quickly called and ambulance crews attended to the injured at the scene.

Despite the stabbing, Mr Flatman said the club would continue to hold its early-morning events on a Sunday, although a drum and bass night scheduled for Saturday was postponed.

Mr Flatman said: "We're doing well. This was a hiccup we will learn from."

Police chief for Stourbridge, Inspector Dez Lambert, has said the stabbing was an isolated incident, adding the town offered people a safe night out.

Silk beauties wow Miss England bosses



Shirley Partridge with the artificial bouquets from her business Olivia Weddings that supplied the Miss England contest

THE Miss England competition is known for the bevy of beauties, its swimwear competition and of course that all important glittering crown.

But this year a Cradley Heath businesswoman Shirley Partridge was able to add a touch more sparkle to the glamorous occasion when she created the artificial bouquets for the winners at the event.

It is thought to be the first time that the competition bosses have opted to use fake flowers in the show.

Miss Partridge only set up her online business Olivia Weddings a year ago

and she specialises in creating silk flower bouquets, jewelled brooch bouquets and bespoke tiaras.

She was contacted by Every Model Magazine and was asked to submit a design for the bouquet for the Miss England winner, and the runners up.

Miss Partridge, aged 50, who runs her business from her New Pool Road home said: "They wanted something different to what they had before, and thought my bouquets could be it."

The bouquet had to be based on the flag of St George, and Miss Partridge used silk red and white roses, along

with silver vintage brooches, Swarovski crystal's and diamantes in her design.

She said: "I wanted the bouquets to have a real sparkle, something that really matched the occasion. I was absolutely delighted when they told me they liked what I had done and asked me to create the bouquets."

Miss Partridge only set the business up after being made redundant from B&Q in 2009. She previously ran a bridal shop, also named after her mother Christine Olivia in High Street, Cradley Heath.

NEWS in brief

Appeal for help to fill food bank

A RALLYING call has gone out to shoppers to be generous and help those in need. A food collection is being held at Dudley's Tesco Extra on Birmingham Road this Friday and Saturday.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin and his team are among those who will be collecting goods for local charities and people in need. It is organised by the Trussell Trust.

"Families in Dudley are really struggling to make ends meet. Living standards are under real pressure as prices are rising but wages are staying the same," he said.

Roadshows for mothers-to-be

MOTHERS-TO-BE can attend a series of roadshows to find out more about the benefits of breastfeeding.

Sessions will take place at libraries in Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley and Hagley.

Anthea Griffiths, Breastfeeding Co-ordinator for the Health and Care Trust, said: "Libraries are accredited places for mums to feed their babies."

Walk aids charity

A VET'S practice raised more than £260 for the Cats Protection charity with a sponsored dog walk. Staff and clients from Vets4Pets in Fisher Street, Dudley Port, organised the event on May 19.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS



THE committee on Climate Change's annual progress report - admit it, it's your favourite bit of bedtime reading, isn't it? - paints a gloomy picture for the next decade.

It warns that without strong measures, the UK will miss its climate change targets for 2017 to 2027. Too right, they had better pull their fingers out, these global warming bods.

If they don't act soon there will be no climate change at all, let alone in the next few years.

Now what happened to that Mediterranean summer they promised us?

A GROUP of youngsters at Short Heath Junior School in Willenhall have been appointed as the Black Country's first 'junior PCSOs'.

But if you think this sounds like a revival of the old police cadets, which taught teenagers discipline and respect as well as providing a useful support network to the regular police, you might be a little surprised to hear what these children are being asked to do.

The junior PCSOs will be going out with clipboards and high visibility vests (what else?) targeting motorists and pointing out the error of their ways. They will be encouraged to issue special parking tickets, with a fixed penalty notice being issued by a full-time officer for the third offence.

No doubt the idea is that errant motorists will be more receptive to advice about bad parking from a young child than a uniformed adult, and it is good that these youngsters want to put something back into their community.

Yet there is still something distinctly uncomfortable about the idea of young children reprimanding their friends' parents for breaches of parking regulations.

Last month the Girl Guides were told they will no longer pledge loyalty to God and their country. Now we hear small children are being employed as junior traffic wardens.

Sometimes there is a very fine line between teaching good citizenship and indoctrination. I am not sure which side of the line this latest initiative falls under.

HEALTH minister Anna Soubry warns about the dangers of eating too much junk food, saying that a generation of children is being condemned to suffer from health problems in future because of poor diet. She says families need to be educated about the need for regular mealtimes and a healthy balanced diet.

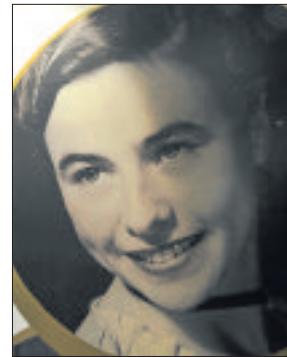
It's good to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer has taken all this on board.



Announcing the opening of a new block



A prospectus for the technical college with lecturers in the background



Sheila Holgate-Wright as a student

Helping celebrate history of learning

The city's university is 21 years old but its history goes back much further, as **TOM MASON** finds out

THE University of Wolverhampton has taken a look back at its history over almost 200 years as part of the celebrations that led to it being granted university status 21 years ago.

Former and current students and lecturers gathered at the City Campus' state-of-the-art Learning Centre, off Wulfruna Street, to mark the transition from a polytechnic.

Since first being established as the Wolverhampton Mechanics and Institute and Library in 1827, the school has gone through hundreds of changes and expansions and seen more than 200,000 undergraduates come through its doors.

The first big change came at the beginning of the 20th century when it took over the running of Dudley Teacher Training College and the Municipal School of Arts and Crafts.

It would then evolve into Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Technical College, where it would work closely with local industry to keep itself at the forefront of the latest technologies.

On June 17, 1992 it became the University of Wolverhampton, shedding of its polytechnic status and opened up its doors to a more diverse range of subjects.

One person who saw it during some of its changes was 84-year-old Sheila Holgate-Wright, the university's oldest surviving graduate, who in 1944, aged 15 arrived at the technical college to study science.

She needed a job, preferably one in a laboratory, but to get there she decided to study physics, chemistry and mathematics at what was then the technical college.

"It's completely changed since I was here, none of these newer buildings



Sheila Holgate-Wright, one of the oldest living graduates with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer, left and Professor Mike Haynes

existed just the main entrance - but it's nice being back," she said.

Working in the day with local industry, she would spend just one day a week and most evenings studying at the college in order to attain her qualifications and a place in the history books as the first female metallurgy graduate the university had ever had.

Important

It was during her time in Wolverhampton that she met her late husband, Tony, who was born in Wolverhampton and taught in a number of local schools.

"I loved it here, it's been so important in my life, it gave me all my qualifica-

tions that I needed for the working world," said the grandmother of six.

"It's also nice knowing that the heritage is being kept alive and that the education for students remains very good."

She continued to work in the metallurgy industry, starting at local firm Zinc Alloy Rust Proofing and ending up as a fellow of the British Institute of Metallurgy, contributing technical papers and heading her own research team.

During this time she had two children before eventually ending up at her current home in Shoreham-on-Sea,

Sussex.

Vice Chancellor Professor Geoff Layer said: "Sheila is a classic example of what this university is all about.

"It's amazing to see some of the people who have contributed so much and have brilliant experiences of being part of our community.

"This university continues to provide a place for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and is proud of its past."

To celebrate its 21st year, a book entitled Opening Doors in the Heartland: The History of Wolverhampton University was launched at the event.

It chronicles the institution's past was written by a former Phd student Lib Meakin and current business lecturer, Professor Mike Haynes.

Prof Haynes began working at the university in 1975, he said: "I think the university's success relies upon the commitment of all its staff and students."

The book looks not only at the students and academics, but also those behind the scenes, from the catering staff to the security guards, whose role in keeping the facilities open is often overlooked.

Homesick

The author said he had spoken to a lot of the behind-the-scenes staff but his favourite story was off a security guard who found a new student crying in a hallway on her own.

He said: "She was on her own and quite homesick, he took time out to make her a cup of tea and have a chat, that says a lot about the staff at this university."

The university has also staged celebrations at two of its other campuses.

At Walsall last month it held a family fun day attended by more than 1,500 people and an event celebrating enterprise for the business community was held at its Telford Innovation Campus.

Three sculptures were also commissioned from students of the university's School of Art and Design, which have gone on display at the three campuses.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

HUNDREDS of theatre fans flooded into Wolverhampton after the Grand Theatre opened its doors to the public for the first time in three years. The Grand hosted an open day to show off the results of a £1 million refurbishment.

WEST Midland ratepayers were left to shoulder a massive cash burden as the county council was stripped of £23 million of government grants. The cuts were announced as a result of the Labour-controlled authority flouting spending targets by nearly £17 million.

AN inseparable set of twins from Cosely who were born 20 minutes apart passed their driving tests within an hour of each other. Younger brother Robert Johnson said: "At first I did not want Peter to pass, but in the end I'm glad he did."

1993...

WOLVERHAMPTON-based brewery Banks's hit drinkers in the pocket after slapping a 4p a pint price increase on its best selling beers. After the changes, a pint of mild cost an average of £1.07, while bitter cost an average of £1.10.

EVERYTHING finally came up roses for Kidderminster gardener Len Scrivens after he scooped first prize in the National Rose Society's prestigious awards in St Albans. He perfected a rose called Baby Love after 20 years of painstaking experiments involving more than 7,000 discarded seedlings.

THE owner of a cattery at Penkridge was awarded the top accolade from the RSPCA - the Queen Victoria Silver Medal. Mrs Joan Felthouse, of Pillaton Farm, was presented with the award for "30 years devotion to animal welfare".

2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON couple who founded the oldest taxi firm in the city came to the end of the road after 60 years of business. Peter and Sylvia Crossley, owners of Bennett's Taxis in Bushbury, decided to retire after serving the community for more than half a century.

A BILLSTON choir which raised thousands of pounds for charity folded after nearly half a century of entertaining music lovers across the region. Voices in Harmony was forced to axe the choir due to losing its musical director and dwindling numbers.

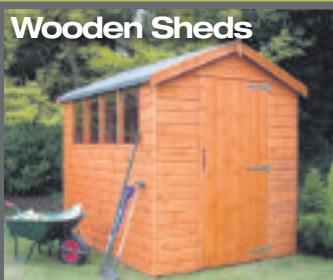
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Tenders for rolling stock and rails would have to go out to all and sundry,

we would not be able to ring fence it into this country, England. This would be like exporting money.

Would we be able to design everything here or would we have to accept anything which companies could supply? I suspect that some governments would be helping their companies to produce the cheapest quote, (possibly using EU money). Buying from abroad would expand our unemployment numbers, a cost to our benefit system.

Do we in this country now have the

facility to produce the rails? I suspect the answer is no. Anyone supplying the rails would also want to supply anything related to them – sleepers, etc.

The more I think about this the higher the costs rise from £33bn, could it go up to £60bn or even higher than that?

Who would operate this new very costly railway system? Will HS2 bankrupt us as a nation and will we become another Greece or Spain?

D Winterborn, Broadlands Drive, Brierley Hill.

So grateful to have had Lee as a friend

I LOST a friend last week, and I miss him so much.

Lee Wilson was multi-talented, respected among the entertainment greats, but loved by those who had the pleasure and honour of working with him and of being close friends.

Lee supported me when I lost John, Ayli, and encouraged me to carry on when I was on the verge of "packing it in". I remember his words: "Get out there chap, you core stop work – you have me to lean on".

He was a giant among men. When he walked in to a dressing room, the place lit up. We shall, one day, be on the same bill again, because we shared the same faith. I thank God for having had Lee as my mate.

"Cheerio owner kid – see you on the opening night".
Al Smith (Aynuk), Arch Hill Street, Netherton.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Fiasco won't stop US war machine

AFTER many years, millions spent, and the lives lost or ruined of some of our finest young men and women, we now enter the withdrawal phase of the Afghan fiasco.

I can predict what will now happen. We and our American masters will set up committees who will meet with Afghan leaders including the Taliban. We will offer a support package worth a vast amount of money which will be dependent on the Taliban agreeing to spend it on improving the country along Western ideals – education for women, health care for all, better infrastructure etc. The Taliban will agree to some of these conditions, and a victory will be claimed by Mr Cameron and President Obama.

Then as soon as our troops leave, the Afghans will do as they please with our money. I remember one of their leaders saying: "You have the money but we have the time, and if it takes a hundred years you will have to leave sometime". Never mind, we can always turn our attention to Syria, the American war machine must keep rolling, and we will keep borrowing to help pay for it.
Ron Gwilliams, Salcombe Drive, Brierley Hill.

A patient's praise for caring staff at hospital

I felt I had to write to express my thanks to the staff in the imaging department at Russells Hall Hospital.

I attended on Monday, June 17, and I was in a great deal of pain and distress.

The kindness, patience, support and understanding from Dr Wolinski, nurse Penny Barford and radiographer Lorna Stenson was superb.

They were also very informative step by step about the whole procedure, which again was very reassuring.

Special thanks to Penny who spent the most time with me right up until I went home.

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Janine Blake, Lower Gornal, Dudley.

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NEWS

Hippodrome fight goes on with assessors talks

INDEPENDENT assessors who concluded the future of Dudley Hippodrome was unviable will meet campaigners desperate to save the historic theatre from demolition.

Campaigners will present detailed objections to the report from assessors Artservice at a meeting at Dudley Council house today (Thursday).

Friends of Dudley Hippodrome claim the assessors were wrong on dismissing their business plan showcasing how they would run the historic venue if it was saved.

And they have criticised officials who claimed the scheme would need to be propped up by up to £10 million of cash from Dudley Council.

Claims the project would need the support of voluntary staff to make it viable have also come under fire from campaigners.

Stave

They are considering asking for a review of the council's decision-making process from the Local Government Ombudsman.

Friends' chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said members have submitted a series of counter objections to contentious points made in the assessor's report.

He said the bid to stave off demolition was far from over, adding the group remained positive that the town was behind their campaign.

"I am pleased that we have been given the opportunity to have talks with the independent assessors as we want to be able to get our points across," he said.

"There are points in the executive summary of the report that we feel are just wrong. Especially the point suggesting we need money from the council as we have said in our business plan we don't need any."

Firm puts MP in the picture



MP Chris Kelly with sales manager David Wheatley during his visit to expanding manufacturer Midtherm Laser in Dudley

A MANUFACTURING plant which is investing in new machinery to increase orders has shared its success story with Dudley South MP Chris Kelly.

Bosses at the thriving cutting specialist Midtherm Laser invited him to its site, Pear Tree Lane, Dudley.

The firm spent £2.2 million last year on three high-tech laser machines and also expanded its base by 8,000 sq ft.

It recruited new shop floor, production, office and sales staff increasing the numbers employed from 32 to 40.

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Midtherm sales manager David Wheatley said: "We gave him a tour and showed what we do and how we do it. It was a very positive meeting."

Mr Kelly said: "I was very impressed with the extension. It has been built on land which was compulsory purchased for the Dudley Southern By-Pass. Since the completion of the by-pass, the land has been empty and a bit of an eyesore. It is fantastic to see it now been used by the company.

"I was also very impressed by how optimistic the bosses are about their prospects and that they are employing four apprentices as I believe apprenticeships are very important."

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Halesowen-based dance group Stance try out the facilities at the new centre – front is Rebecca Hayllar aged 20, and back left to right are Laura Cibulka 23, Grace Tween, 21, and 19-year-old Emily Cobbold

New £24,000 studio to get youngsters dancing

WORK has begun on a new £24,000 performing arts studio in Halesowen.

It is being created at The Third Place, part of Zion Christian Centre, and will offer opportunities for young people to try street dance and help budding performers hone their skills.

The old warehouse-style building has been transformed into a community meeting place and offers a variety of activities, from socialising at lunch clubs, to playing indoor football.

Support and advice is also provided to parent and toddler groups.

The latest refurbishment is the dance studio where hip hop and street dance will be taught.

Senior leader Leon Evans said: "We have a popular community youth group with over 170 young people using the facilities every week."

"The interest in learning modern street dances like hip hop, is high. We thought a performing arts studio would be a great facility to have, particularly as there is no other in Halesowen for young people."

A former storeroom is being converted into the studio. A sound system,

seating, mirrors and a sprung floor are expected to be ready in time for the summer holidays.

There has already been interest from dance groups in the area and Phase Trust, a charity working with young people in the Dudley borough.

Landfill tax trust Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust (ICET) has awarded £19,000 to the project.

ICET secretary Angela Haymonds said: "The Third Place is very popular with the community. Trustees were pleased to fund this innovative project."

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Poppy picnic is held for legion

MEMBERS of the Halesowen community joined together to hold a unique event in aid of the Royal British Legion.

The town's Ahmadiyya Muslim Association hosted a special Poppy Picnic event to support the legion's work for the Armed Forces community.

Visitors enjoyed food and drink at the association's Long Lane site, along with information stands, exhibitions and demonstrations from the Sea and Air Cadets, police and the fire service.

People could also buy samosas which had been donated by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association, with money going to the legion.

People who would like to hold a Poppy Picnic can find out more at www.poppypicnic.org.uk

Tourism course to be launched

HALESOWEN College is launching a new course for budding pub or hotel managers, wedding planners or tour managers.

The four-year part time diploma in Hospitality, Travel and Tourism is for students aged over 18 from September.

Water main burst

A ROAD in Lye was closed after an underground water pipe burst, leaving 15 homes without water. South Staffordshire Water was called to the burst pipe under Mears Coppice road on Thursday.

Drivers hit 84mph on road where motorcyclist killed

DRIVERS are ignoring warning signs and speeding along a busy Halesowen carriageway at more than double the speed limit, despite a crash that killed a motorcyclist, police said.

Officers caught 20 motorists travelling at speeds of up to 84mph in the 40mph stretch of Manor Way in two short operations. The checks were carried out near the Grange Road roundabout where 32-year-old motorcyclist Nick Foster died

MP supports threatend TA

AN MP supported Dudley's under-threat Territorial Army base in a debate in the Commons. Dudley North MP Ian Austin praised the soldiers, saying the regiment was at the heart of the community.

Defence ministers are considering proposals to split up The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry (RMLY).

The regiment, which has a squadron base in Vicar Street, Dudley, could be split to allow for the creation of a Scottish Yeomanry. A campaign to save the regiment has been launched and a petition protesting against the axing of the RMLY has attracted more than 1,400 signatures.

Campaigners say Dudley's A Squadron, the only remaining TA Royal Armoured Corps Squadron based in the West Midlands, plays a vital role.

Mr Austin praised the work of the soldiers who are based in Dudley during the debate. "It is the best recruited squadron in the country," he said. "It recently took on 47 new trainees and is processing another 60 now, and has had two dozen volunteers on active service in Afghanistan."

"The people of Britain show huge respect and support for the work of our Armed Forces. Nowhere is this more true than in Dudley."

after coming off his bike on June 7. Sgt Martin Hall said the checks were done after nearby businesses and residents had made the issue a priority at monthly meetings.

He said: "People just don't realise the danger they are causing, for themselves and other road users."

"There are big flashing signs telling people to slow down, but some are ignoring the signs and still going at extremely fast speeds. I'd warn them that we are here to stay and will be continuing speed checks along the road in the coming months."

A concern for police is motorists turning off the road for Halesowen Athletics Club, housing estates and businesses such as UK Pack Shot.

Avoid

Company owner Mark Tudor said: "It can be terrible. People use the dual carriageway like a race track."

"Many times I have slowed down to pull off the road, and I have a vehicle coming up behind me screeching to stop down and avoid hitting me. Anything the police can do, to make the road safer, I'd welcome."

Motorists who are caught can appear at Dudley Magistrates Court for speeding two weeks later, facing a potential driving ban and large fine.

Last month, Ryan Lerner, aged 21, of Dudley Road, Rowley Regis, appeared at the court after he was caught driving at 85mph along Manor Way. He was disqualified from driving for 28 days and fined £80 after admitting speeding.

Scout and Guides hut is hit



Halesowen Scouts enjoying their base, which was opened after £60,000 of work

IT took years of hard graft, but a group of Halesowen Scouts and Guides are now settling into their new home.

The hut on St Ambrose Close, Rowley Regis, had not had any work done on it since it was built in 1978.

But after raising £60,000 with the help of

grants from Halesowen Area Committee and landlord St Modwen, the Scouts and Guides of 1st Coombs Wood had the building rebuilt.

Over the next 11 months volunteers worked on the building and it was launched with a short ceremony.

Festival set to put art in spotlight

A FORMER college lecturer is helping to stage an exhibition as part of an arts and heritage festival in Cradley.

A number of activities are taking place marking Cradley's Festival Week.

Artist and former Halesowen College lecturer Philip Adams will run workshops and many of his pieces are going on display at St Peter's Church, off Colley Lane, on July 20 between 12pm and 4pm.

Artist Graham Hendley will also be exhibiting and painting and there will be a bird box making workshop.

The bell tower will be open for tours. Artists can have their work displayed by calling the Rev Katryn Leclézio on 01384 411 383.

MP criticises ex-care boss

THE former boss of the national health watchdog was 'out of her depth', Stourbridge MP Margot James said. She criticised the Care Quality Commission's former chief executive Cynthia Bower after she was accused of attempting to cover up its investigation into baby deaths at University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.

Miss James said in the Commons: "I attended a presentation by the CQC in 2011 and I was shocked at the low calibre of what I heard. I found the chief executive at that time to be out of her depth."

Ms Bower claims she has been 'hung out to dry'.

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NEWS

Hitchers are ordered to clean buses as penalty



The five youths caught on camera hitching a lift on the back of the bus

FIVE youths who were accused of endangering motorists by hitching a lift on the back of a bus will be put to work cleaning buses as a punishment.

The group of five roller skaters, aged between 12 and 15, held on to the back of a single decker and were pulled along Quarry Bank High Street on May 8. They were interviewed by neighbourhood police teams and warned.

They travelled more than half a mile in heavy traffic from Cradley Heath to Quarry Bank while holding on top the bus.

They were captured on camera by a passer-by and one of them even 'mooned' at her.

National Express condemned the stunt and police said that in interviews, the five admitted the offence of being carried or towed by a motor vehicle.

Punishment

But rather than taking the matter to court, officers said resolved the matter through a form of community punishment. A community resolution is used by police officers to assess an offence, the wishes of the victim and the offender's history before deciding on punishment.

Over the next few weeks the youngsters will help clean up a bus depot yard and buses.

Pc Reg Steele, of the Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood neighbourhood policing team, said: "We agreed with National Express that a community resolution would be the best solution and would give the youngsters time to think about their reckless actions."

A National Express spokesman said they hoped the youngsters would understand the dangers of being towed.

Success of online police chat

A LIVE internet streaming event hosted by West Midlands Police was hit by technical glitches - but was hailed a success by the officers involved.

More than 160 people went online to watch the WMP Live event last week. Hosted by ex-Central News presenter Llewela Bailey and Ch Insp Kerry Blakeman, it saw officers responding to questions posted live on Twitter and Facebook.

It started at 7.30pm but barely five minutes later it went off-line.

When it returned poor sound quality meant some of the officer responses not being heard.

Questions included do police dogs make good pets and do you get criticism for using a taser? The event was also used to announce that a girl missing in Walsall had been found. It was given an extra 10 minutes to run.



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Heritage website gets £49,000 grant boost

A HISTORY website dedicated to the heritage of the Black Country and run by the region's four councils has been handed a cash grant, which will be used to boost it with nostalgic features and films.

The Arts Council has agreed the £49,400 cash award to fund the development of the online research aid for the region.

The grant will be used by the four councils - Dudley, Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall - to pay for interns, and to go towards developing the region's history website.

The site - www.blackcountryhistory.org - has been up and running for four years, but officials are keen to develop the content further.

It is split into key areas of interest including people, featuring some of the Black Country's leading historical figures.

Invented

These include industrialists such as Sir James Timmins Chance who was an engineer and partner in the Smethwick glassworks, Chance Brothers Ltd; Dudley's celebrated artist Percy Shakespear, and John Johnson Shaw, who invented the seismograph at his West Bromwich home.

Articles and photos showcasing the transformation of the region famed for its smoking chimneys and scorching furnaces are also available to view.

Sandwell and Walsall will recruit two graduates for the temporary posts with the help of the £49,400 award from the Arts Council.

Wolverhampton and Dudley are taking on four interns each to work for six months thanks to the grant.

Cub X is zoo's newest arrival



The cute Cub X, the first snow leopard to be born at Dudley Zoo for 12 years.

INTRODUCING Dudley Zoo's newest arrival - an eight-week-old snow leopard cub.

The youngster, who was born on May 2, has been nicknamed Cub X by keepers until they confirm its sex.

When it made its public debut the baby delighted visitors by playing with mum, Nanga, aged four.

Assistant curator Richard Brown, said: "Nanga is a first-time mum so it's such a relief that they have bonded well.

"You can see the baby developing every day, it's wonderful to watch, and already it seems quite a feisty little cub."

Photographer Talvinder Chohan, who captured the image of Cub X, said: "The youngster's routine at the moment is to sleep for two hours, play for five minutes, sleep for two hours, then play for another five minutes, so I had to make sure I got there in time for those crucial five minutes."

The cub is the first snow leopard to be born at Dudley Zoo in 12 years. Dad is three-year-old Margaash.

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Wheellie bins will not be for everyone

UP TO 12,800 homes will not get a wheellie bin for their household rubbish when the service is rolled out across Dudley borough.

Dudley Council is currently assessing homes to see if they are suitable for the new bins. But it is estimated up to 10 per cent of the 128,000 homes served by the council will remain using black bags.

These included properties such as flats and homes with difficult access.

The council will work with management companies of flats to see if wheellie bins storage areas can be created.

Delivery started this week in the first phase of the £2.5million project.

Around 40,000 households in some areas of Quarry Bank, Netherton, Cosely, Kingswinford, Stourbridge and Halesowen will receive their bins in the coming weeks.

A second phase is expected later this year with the final phase by spring 2014.

Council spokesman Kate Arnold said: "At the conclusion of the rollout we would anticipate no more than 10 per cent of properties will remain on sack services.

"A number of these properties are flats and we will be working with property management companies."

"Once all of the phases have been completed residents will only have one collection day for both recycling and household waste.

Borough flies the flag in honour of Armed Forces

VETERANS and serving servicemen and women were honoured by thousands across the Midlands in ceremonies to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of the Armed Forces.

A host of events were held in the region to mark national Armed Forces Day over the course of the weekend.

Glorious sunshine brought thousands of people to Himley Hall for Dudley borough's celebrations on Sunday.

Families enjoyed fair rides, a climbing wall, games and displays of military vehicles at the event in the grounds of the manor house.

Clasp

Marching bands and music from the D-Day Darlings singers also entertained the crowds.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, welcomed civic and military officials to the event.

He also presented veterans with their HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges, Arctic Star or Bomber Command clasp in a special ceremony.

Councillor Finch said: "Armed Forces Day is one of our biggest and most popular events and it was wonderful to see so many people at Himley Hall.

"We are very proud of our close relationship with the Armed Forces and hope this

by Andrew Turton

goes some way to expressing our gratitude for all that they do. Thank you to everyone who came along and made this such a massive success."

Residents gathered around Oldbury's civic square on Saturday as Sandwell came together in celebration.

Soldiers and veterans proudly paraded outside Sandwell Council House and the cenotaph.

Dave Williams, aged 70, presented the standard for the Oldbury Royal British Legion.

He was joined by Michala Dodds, 41, from the Oldbury women's section of the Royal British Legion, and 76-year-old Nick Roberts, representing the Royal Artillery Association.

This was followed by a salute and address to the day's festivities including military displays, vehicles and information stands.

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Linda Horton, took the salute and also helped raise the Armed Forces flag during the commemorations.

Dancers salute the troops with show



At the front - Liz Snookes, from Dudley, Lucas Mutton, four, from Cradley, and Beckie Humphries, 26, from Rowley

DANCERS geared up for a military-themed dance show to raise money for a good cause in Halesowen.

Members of Tividale-based Eminence Dance Group performed Military in Motion at Wilson Hall, Colley Gate, on Saturday.

All money raised from the sell-out show will go to Help For Heroes.

The show feature around 20 dances

and 50 performers, aged from three to 40. The group had been preparing for the past six months. Principal Stacey Kirby, who runs the school with four friends: "We did an event for Compton Hospice in Wolverhampton in 2011 and it was really successful. We raised £3,000. So we decided it was time to support another good cause."

Help for Heroes was an obvious choice for them to support.

"My boyfriend's brother is in the RAF and a lot of our friends are in the Army," she said. "They go to Afghanistan and a lot of them come back really shaken up. So we thought it would be a good charity to help."

It is thought that around £500 has been raised.

Tethered horse was left nearly strangled

A HORSE found suffocating at a nature reserve has prompted calls for a community group to be set up to monitor the safety of animals kept there.

The horse was found strangling on its chain tether under a tree at the Pens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett, near Dudley, by a woman last week.

She called the police and RSPCA, before eventually tracking down the animal's owner.

The woman urged councillors at a community forum for Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett to take action.

It was proposed a neighbourhood watch-style group be set up to check on the welfare of the horses illegally tethered at the park.

The calls follow years of concern voiced by residents in the area over the condition of horses at the site.

The woman said: "Never have I seen a horse so close to dying - the whole thing upsets me so much."

Councillor Zafar Islam said: "It was clearly a distressing situation and she did what she could to help the animal.

"I believe we need to see if a group can be established to provide eyes over the nature reserve and swiftly report any animal suffering to the appropriate authorities.

Councillor Karen Jordan said the council had a dedicated service for people to report concerns but agreed more could be done.

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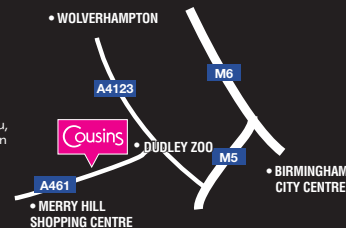
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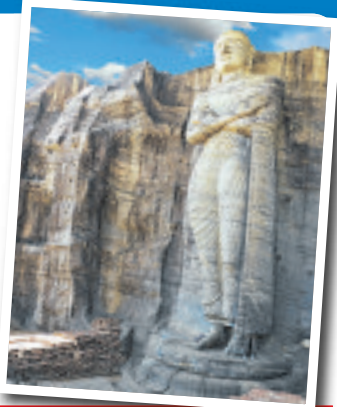
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NEWS

Start is due on £400k upgrade for town centre

A £400,000 project to revamp Quarry Bank High Street to make it more attractive will get under way within weeks, it has been announced

Council bosses want to breathe new life into the town centre and improve roads and footpaths.

by Tom Mason

The plans include widening the footpath and moving the guardrail outside Quarry Bank Primary School to encourage more families to walk, rather than drive, to school.

Other work includes installing new signs and improving pedestrian crossings.

Congestion

Footpaths will also be resurfaced to make walking from homes on side streets to the main High Street shopping area easier and safer.

Dudley Council will also upgrade the existing pedestrian controlled crossing just below Woodland Avenue and High Street.

There will also be a cycle parking area created near the community centre to encourage the use of bikes and reduce traffic congestion.

The council has received funding from the West Midlands Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to carry out some parts of the scheme this summer.

Funding bids will be drawn up by the council to help pay for other improvements at a later date, which could include installing public art and planting trees in the streets.

A nature trail could also be set up in the grounds of Christ Church.

A public consultation was held on the plans in January and February and residents and businesses were invited to have their say.

The plans were welcomed by Councillor Bryan Cotterill, who represents Quarry Bank.

He said: "It will be a big improvement and is really going to make a difference."

Stuart shrugs off an injury to aim high



Stuart Starkey is determined to climb Mount Kilimanjaro

AN electrician from Halesowen is determined to achieve his childhood ambition of climbing Africa's highest mountain. And not even a foot injury will keep Stuart Starkey, aged 35, from scaling Mount Kilimanjaro.

Stuart is planning to visit Tanzania in August with seven others to raise money for the charity The Oakland Foundation, which helps single-parent families.

The strenuous training regime for the ascent of the 19,341ft mountain has left the electrician, who owns Starkey Electrical, based in Manor Lane, Lapal, with a foot injury.

But the father-of-two said: "I'm going anyway because I don't do failure."

"I'll be pogo-sticking up there if I have to." Climbing Kilimanjaro is said to be not as technically challenging as tackling the high peaks of the Himalayas or Andes, but the high elevation, low temperature, and occasional high winds make it a difficult and dangerous trek.

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NEWS

Innovation is the key to company's success

PARTS of Britain's manufacturing sector may be struggling thanks to competition and cheaper labour overseas, but one innovative Brierley Hill company is bucking the trend.

Sunrise Medical makes custom-designed wheelchairs, including a range of electrical wheelchairs.

An extra set of wheels allows the powered wheelchairs to have a mid-wheel drive format, meaning drivers can manoeuvre their chairs into tight spaces.

The company began life in 1983 but 10 years ago the firm, along with many other manufacturing businesses, was feeling the strain as production moved abroad to then developing economies, including China.

Sunrise Medical took stock and five years ago began talking with dealers and the National Health Service about designs for a new type of wheelchair.

Determined

The resulting model, called the Quickie Salsa M, was launched in 2010 and was a success.

Since its launch thousands have been sold to hospital trusts and other clients across the country, and overseas.

It was followed just weeks ago by the smaller Quickie Hula, which already has sparked a lot of interest. The firm has dozens of orders waiting to be delivered.

Vice president of commercial operations, Jim Barratt, said: "The business was still determined to invest in the UK."

He added: "It's about using the skill set we have to deliver."



Iain Wright, right, shadow minister for competitiveness and enterprise, at the Sunrise Medical base with the firm's vice president Jim Barratt

Deaths on road fall to a record low

THE number of people killed on the roads fell to a record low last year. There were 1,754 deaths on British roads in 2012 – an eight per cent dip on the 2011 figure, the Office for National Statistics said.

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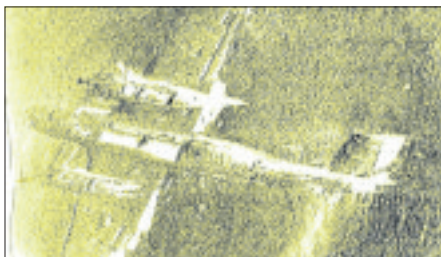
Top-scoring Defiant crew Sgt ER Thorn and Sgt F Barker who shot down two Dorniers



The Dornier at its new home, RAF Museum at Cosford



A Dornier bomber in flight during the Second World War



An underwater side scan of a twin-engined Dornier 17



New Defiants outside the Boulton Paul factory at Pendeford

Defiant – plane that downed the Dornier

by Alex Brew

THE the remains of the world's last Dornier DO17 bomber have been raised from the bottom of the English Channel and are now at the RAF Museum at Cosford awaiting work.

The museum already had in its possession the aircraft which probably shot it down during the Battle of Britain, or at least a replica of that aircraft, a Wolverhampton-built Boulton Paul Defiant.

On May 26, 1940, at around 11.45 am, No. 264 Squadron, the first Defiant unit, were scrambled from RAF Hornchurch to meet a large German raid approaching London.

There were about 40 Heinkel bombers, and a dozen Dorniers,

escorted by about 80 Messerschmidt Bf.109 fighters.

As the Defiants attacked the Dorniers, their gunners opening fire with their powered turrets, the German fighters swooped in to attack.

Six of the Dorniers were claimed to have been shot down, though no-one knows which Defiant shot down the Dornier discovered in the sand banks off Herne Bay, Kent.

Attacked

Two of the Dorniers were claimed by the top-scoring Defiant crew, pilot Sgt ER Thorn and gunner Sgt F Barker, who were flying a Defiant with the serial L7005. They were in turn attacked by a German Messerschmidt, and

hit in the engine coolant system. As Thorn brought L7005 in for a forced landing in a Kent field, the German attacked again, but Barker's turret still worked and he returned fire, hitting the 109, which was forced down a few fields away.

When the Boulton Paul Association decided to build a full scale model of a Defiant, it chose to paint it as L7005, the top-scoring Defiant, with 12.5 victories credited to the various crews which flew it.

That replica is now in the possession of Cosford, after the demise of the Boulton Paul Aircraft Heritage Project in April this year.

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NEWS

Extra workers once firm finishes £100k revamp

In the mood for nostalgia

FAMILIES took a train back in time at Severn Valley Railway as it hosted its popular 1940s themed weekend and a Halesowen couple help create the atmosphere.

The line's Kidderminster station was transformed for the popular nostalgic event.

Cocktail dresses and furs were the order of the day for women while the men opted for cloth caps and braces and even the odd zoot suit.

Many also stayed to enjoy musical shows and themed demonstrations which were among the highlights for visitors journeying along the 16-mile line last weekend.

Husband and wife Nigel and Sue Booth, aged 53 and 50 respectively, from Hasbury, attended the event as part of the Home of the Brave Living History Group.

Nigel donned a traditional 1940s US Airborne glider pilot uniform for the event while his wife sported a summery linen dress with a fur surround and hat.

The couple were celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary over the weekend.

"The event gives people a real idea about what the time looked like," said Mrs Booth.

"Our group's main focus is raising money for the Royal British Legion but we also meet friends here, too."



Sue and Nigel Booth, from Halesowen, who are members of the Home of the Brave re-enactment group

A CRADLEY Heath firm is investing £100,000 in modernising its 88-year-old retail store and taking on new staff.

Family business Chapman's Electrical employs 43 and is looking to take on new staff after the work on the premises in Reddal Hill Road, is completed in the autumn.

Managing director Robert Chapman's father Ewart Chapman started the business in 1925.

Mr Chapman said the store had started out as the family home and had continued to expand over the years.

He said that showroom space was being increased through the investment which would create a new modern store.

"We will integrate the storage area into the 4,000 sq ft ground floor showroom and will have all our white and brown goods on display," explained Mr Chapman.

Growth

He said that the revamp was due to be completed by the start of October and Chapman's would continue trading through the work.

The business has grown to have an annual turnover of more than £2.5 million over the years.

More than 50 per cent of its work is in the commercial sector with housing association and local authorities carrying out electrical repairs.

It has 29 engineers and a fleet of 25 service vehicles serving the West Midlands. Chapman's is also one of the biggest private aerial and satellite TV installers in the region.

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Mr Chapman said that the company was also taking on two apprentices this summer.

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CLUB NEWS

Comedy writer is the visitor

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

THE chairman welcomed everyone to a lovely evening for the June meeting.

The previous minutes were read, approved and signed. The financial report was read out.

Christobel reported a luncheon had been arranged at The Fox, at Shipley on July 11.

Ken Rock introduced himself as a comedy writer to the stars.

He began his working life as a qualified engineer but became involved with a newly-formed drama group and wrote the script for their first production of Cinderella. It was well received and his new career had begun.

After several rejections of his scripts, he was accepted by Ken Dodd, for whom he wrote for many years.

Over the years he has written for Dave Allen, Roy Hudd, Kenneth Williams, The Two Ronnies and many more.

A well known sketch involving Dave Allen and a diving rod is still shown at various times all over the world, for which he is still paid royalties.

Christobel thanked Ken for this most interesting talk. Three lucky ladies each won a raffle prize.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are at the Royal British Legion at 7.45pm.

Prickly guest given a warm club welcome



Chairman Carol Pritchard with Joan Lockley and Cellie the hedgehog

HIGHGATE LADIES PROBUS CLUB

AT THE June meeting chairman Carol Pritchard welcomed Joan Lockley from West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue. Joan brought along "Cellie" a full grown male hedgehog. Cellie was carried around and introduced to the ladies one by one by club member Isabel Mason.

Joan gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on hedgehog welfare which included food and how to feed them, the dangers hedgehogs face in our gardens and

HIGHGATE LADIES PROBUS CLUB

what to do if you find a sick or injured hedgehog. The talk was greatly enjoyed and there were many questions and queries at the end of the talk. Joan's telephone number is 01922 419532.

The next meeting on July 8 is the AGM, but on August 12 a speaker is invited.

Fish and chips wins vote

CHAIRMAN and secretary Pat Purcell welcomed members to the June meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and treasurer Elaine Griffiths gave the financial account.

Names were taken for lunch on July 30 at the Glassmakers, Audnam. Dis-

WALL HEATH EVENING TG

ussion was held on where to hold the next birthday luncheon, and whether to have a buffet or fish and chips at the harvest supper. Fish and chips won. Brenda

Mercer won the raffle. Speaker Mike Crockett gave an informative and illustrated talk on 'Fingerprints'. Pat Purcell gave thanks.

The next meeting will be at 2pm on July 17 with an afternoon tea and knit and natter in the The Church of Ascension church hall.

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NEWS

Former ecstasy dealer tells of life in US prison

TO any onlooker it seemed Shaun Attwood had the world at his feet.

Raised in small Cheshire town, he was the first in his family to go to university and graduated with a business degree.

He took his degree to Phoenix in America at the age of 22 and worked his way up to become a stockbroker and millionaire.

But, unbeknown to his family, when night-time came, he was a regular at the local rave scene where he dealt ecstasy.

In 2002 he was arrested and soon found himself sentenced to nine and a half years in Arizona's toughest prisons where he shared his bed with cockroaches and his cell with some of the crime world's scariest criminals.

Recently he was speaking to dozens of senior students at Halesowen's Windsor High School and Sixth Form to warn them against the lifestyle that saw him jailed.

Arrested

He said: "The drugs lifestyle is so glamorised on TV and in movies but they don't show you what happens when people get busted.

"There's a reason you don't see any older drug users around: they're either dead or they're in prison."

After Mr Attwood got arrested, he spent 26 months on remand at the notorious Maricopa County Jail in the desert near Phoenix.

He soon realised how fragile life was and how much control the gangs had over the prison.

While in jail, Mr Attwood, now aged 44, started a blog called Jon's Jail Journal, which he wrote and secretly passed to his aunt during her weekly visits.

She would then type it up and post it,



Former con Shaun Attwood talks to students at Windsor High School

enabling him to shine a light on the conditions faced by prisoners. He said: "I spent my day writing and it was like a bridge to the outside world."

In time fellow prisoners came to him to tell their stories.

After serving almost six years of his sentence, he was released in 2007 and spent a year living with his parents and learning to live life in the outside world again, unable to get a job because of his past. He is banned from America and

many other countries and has to live with the knowledge that he caused his parents so much pain, with his mother, a teacher, having a nervous breakdown while he was in prison.

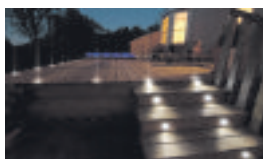
Now he does more than 100 talks a year warning youngsters about the side to drugs that movies don't show them.

He said: "I take responsibility for breaking the laws. The least I can do is make amends sharing my story."

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What's On! Halesowen

Revealing play at Oldbury Rep

LADIES at Oldbury Repertory Theatre will be taking their clothes off for their next play - but it is all in the best possible taste.

The company is staging poignant and popular Calendar Girls. The bitter-sweet comedy runs from Saturday, July 6, to July 13, excluding Sundays. Performances start at 7.30pm at the theatre on Spring Walk, Langley.

Tickets are priced at £8, concessions are £7 and there is a special price of £6 for Monday and Tuesday evenings. To book call 0121 552 2761.

Bands lines up as gig is announced

A GIG at the Courthouse in Dudley in August will feature a host of bands.

Witness will headline the event at the New Street venue on August 30. Also playing will be Only The Good, Kixxer, Scart Issue - a tribute to The Red Hot Chili Peppers - and Canary Adams.

Doors open at 7pm and the show will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 and are available by calling 01384 815347. Some tickets will be available on the door.

Will in Cabaret

POP Idol winner Will Young is heading to Wolverhampton to star in a production of the classic musical Cabaret. Following a sell-out West End run the show will be performed at the Grand Theatre from November 26 to 30.

Dancing Dani to be naughty at Rocky's 40th anniversary

Best of brass in concert at The Public



Public concert - Langley Brass Band will be raising funds for new instruments and to rebuild their band room

LANGLEY Brass Band, one of the oldest brass bands in the Midlands, will be performing at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday in a concert entitled Summer Brass.

The band, formed in 1878, includes 30 players from all walks of life ranging in age from 16 to 67. They have toured the UK and Europe, won many prestigious competitions and

also featured in popular the British-made film, Brassed Off.

The band will be playing a wide variety of music from pop and film scores to classical pieces.

Proceeds from the band's first concert at the town centre arts venue The Public will be used to help the band rebuild their dilapidated band room and buy new music and instru-

ments. Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "Langley Brass Band are one of the most loved brass bands in the Midlands who are incredibly proud of their Black Country roots."

Summer Brass will take place on July 6 at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from www.thepublic.com or by calling 0121 533 7161.

DANI Harmer, finalist in Strictly Come Dancing 2012 and star of Tracy Beaker, will play squeaky clean college student Janet in the 40th Anniversary production of the Rocky Horror Show during the production's scheduled stop off at Wolverhampton this autumn.

Dani will be joined on stage at the Grand Theatre, from October 28 to November 2, by rising star of the West End Ben Forster in the role of her fiancée Brad. Forster shot to fame after winning the popular ITV1 series Superstar and went on to play the lead in Jesus Christ Superstar on its Arena tour.

Joining Dani and Ben in the role of the scandalous Frank 'n' Furter is Oliver Thornton, whose West End credits include Priscilla Queen of the Desert.

Warp

Since its first appearance in London in June 1973, Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Show has become the world's favourite shock 'n' roll musical.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary, Christopher Luscombe has created a new production of the Time Warp musical for a year-long UK tour, on which audiences are often as rude and weirdly dressed as the characters on stage.

Tickets can be bought by calling 01902 42 292 12 or online via the www.grandtheatre.co.uk website.



Dani Harmer as Janet in the Rocky Horror Show

REVIEW

Murder in Play, Grand Theatre

EVERY summer, audiences look forward to the Ian Dickens' Summer Play Season arriving at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre and this was no exception with the opening of the first of four productions, Murder in Play, by Simon Brett.

The basic plot isn't a taxing tale - the wife of theatre director, Boris Smolskey is murdered at a dress rehearsal for his latest play and so the race is on to discover whodunit. However the seemingly simple story does become rather over complicated as time goes on.

Disjointed

Any production which is a play within a play can be difficult for audiences to decipher and equally difficult for actors to portray, especially if there are twists and turns galore as with this piece, but the cast do an admirable job, keeping the rather disjointed script flowing and bringing out as much humour as possible via a host of peculiar, dual-characters and farcical situations.

EastEnders star, Dean Gaffney plays to his strengths, giving an amusing performance in his trademark gravelly voice, as both his characters, Major Pibrigh, whose facial tic was the cause of many a laugh out loud moment and Tim Ferner, the love-struck young man eager to clear his girlfriend's name when she is accused of the murder.

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Eric Sykes

The Late Great Eric Sykes
BBC2, 9.45pm
 Eric Sykes devoted his life to making people laugh, so the world was a lot duller with his death on July 4 last year. Now, one year on, there's another chance to see this tribute documentary featuring Eddie Izzard, Russ Abbot, Michael Palin, Bruce Forsyth and film director Mike Newell. Covering his start at Oldham Rep, success in sitcom land, and movies such as The Others, Son of Rambow and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, this is a fitting tribute to a comedy legend which is well worth a second screening

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.15 Cowboy Trap. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. 1.30 Wimbledon 2013. 5.55 Formula 1: German Grand Prix - Qualifying.
7.10 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
7.30 Pointless Celebrities. Featuring Ulrika Jonsson, Rowland Liversidge, David Hamilton and Tony Blackburn. (R)
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Jenni Falconer.
9.10 Casually. Sam and Fletch doubt whether a mugging victim is telling the truth, while Tom suspects a young boy is being abused. Louise is angry with Big Mac for taking pity on a homeless man.
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to solve son Dermot's relationship problems by giving his girlfriend advice, and Grandad ends up in hospital after Dr Flynn's attempt to read his temperature goes awry. (R)
10.30 BBC News: Weather: National Lottery Update.
10.50 Film: King Arthur. (2004) A Roman commander in fifth-century Britain comes to realise his true destiny is to lead the people against Saxon invaders. Adventure, starring Clive Owen.
12.45 Weatherview. 12.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 7.05 Film: Government Girl. (1943) Romantic comedy, with Olivia de Havilland and Sonny Tufts. **8.35 Film: Days of Glory.** (1944) Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck. **10.00 A History of Scotland.** (R) **11.00 Life in the Freezer.** (R) **11.30 Life in the Freezer.** (R) **12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass.** (R) **1.45 Coast.** (R) **1.50 Talking Pictures. 2.25 Film: Duel in the Sun.** (1946) Western, starring Gregory Peck. **4.30 Flog It!** (R) **5.30 Wimbledon 2013.** The finals of the men's and ladies' doubles.
8.00 Today at Wimbledon. John Inverdale and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided.
9.00 OXU. Stephen Fry is joined by Romi Ancona, Dave Gorman, Lee Mack and regular panellist Alan Davies on an extended edition of the quiz with a difference. (R)
9.45 The Late Great Eric Sykes. A tribute to the comedy writer and actor whose career spanned more than 50 years, featuring contributions by Eddie Izzard, Michael Palin and Mike Newell. (R)
10.45 Film: in the Loop. (2009) A witty government minister gets out of his depth in international politics after suggesting a war is imminent. Satirical comedy, with Peter Capaldi and the late James Gandolfini.
12.25 Film: The Boys and Girl from County Clare. (2003) Musical comedy, with Bernard Hill and Colm Meaney. **1.50 This Is BBC Two.** Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

**6.00 CITY: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.15 Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.25 Poppy Cat. 6.40 Poppy Cat. 6.50 Animals. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.10 Bookaboo. 7.20 Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. 7.35 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.00 Gravity Falls. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Dinner Date. (R) 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 10.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.15 Saturday Arm. 12.15 ITV News: Weather. 12.20 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 1.05 Me and My Guide Dog. (R) 2.05 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.05 Film: Step Up. (2006)
6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.15 ITV News: Weather.
7.30 You've Been Framed! (R)
7.00 You've Been Framed! Numerous footage, including an out-of-control rally car. (R)
7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar. Guest judge Cilla Black joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alisha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.
8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Boxer David Haye and actress Georgia May Foote (Coronation Street's Katy Armstrong) team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts.
9.45 The Americans.
10.35 ITV News: Weather.
10.50 Film: Wanted. (2008) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman and Terence Stamp.
12.50 Jackpot247. 3.00 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Ginetta Challenge. 7.00 The Grid. 7.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.05 Frasier. (R) 10.35 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Secret Millionaire Ireland. 1.35 Channel 4 Racing. 4.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.25 Come Dine with Me. Jane Arnold hosts the final dinner party in Salisbury, Wiltshire. (R)
6.55 Channel 4 News.
7.25 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets a couple trying to build a contemporary mansion on a south London estate, but are struggling with the dozens of design decisions they must make. (R)
8.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of cash over trapsdoors as they face a series of questions.
10.00 Film: Scott Pilgrim vs The World. (2010) Premiere. A bassist meets the girl of his dreams - but finds she has seven evil ex-lovers he must defeat. Comedy adventure, starring Michael Cera and Mary Elizabeth Winstead.
12.10 Film: Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny. (2006) 1.55 Them from That Thing. (R) 2.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) 3.45 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.35 ThunderCats. (R) 11.00 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.00 Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) 1.25 Film: Torpedo Run. (1956) 5.30 CSI: NY. (R)
6.25 CSI: NY. Stella tries to prove an apparent suicide is a murder case. (R)
7.10 The CSI Movie: Fallen. Feature-length episode. A series of puzzle pieces leads the CSIs to two murders, and evidence suggests the killer is targeting people from a university psychology department.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the third eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
10.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. AJ Odufu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour.
11.00 The Walking Dead. Rick and the others collaborate with the new group of survivors, while Carol practises a C-section on a dead walker in preparation for the operation she may have to perform on Lori.
11.55 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show.
12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Michael's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Live Athletics 9.00 Film: V for Vendetta (2005) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman. **11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad! BBC Four**
7.00 Heritage! The Battle for Britain's Past 8.00 Oceans 9.00 Wallander - The Fifth Woman 11.00 Forever Young - How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up
ITV2
3.15 You've Been Framed! Kids Special 4.15 Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005) **7.00 Film: Evan Almighty** (2007) **9.00 Film: Shaun of the Dead** (2004) **11.05 Lemon La Vida Loca 11.50 Film: Duplicity** (2009)
ITV3
2.50 Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) **5.00 Lewis 7.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 9.00 Endeavour. Prequel to Inspector Morse set in 1965, starring Shaun Evans. 11.05 Cold Blood**
ITV4
1.30 Tour de France 2013 Live. The eighth stage of the prestigious race. **4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 Black Gold 6.00 The Motorbike Show 7.00 Tour de France 2013 Highlights 8.00 Darts: European Championship Live. The European Championship. 11.00 Hell on Wheels**
E4
3.10 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Happy Endings 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: Wedding Crashers (2005) **11.20 The Inbetweeners**
Film4
3.10 Carry On Sergeant (1958) **4.50 Imagine That** (2009) **6.55 Crocodile Dundee II** (1988) **9.00 Terminator Salvation** (2009) **11.15 Assault on Precinct 13** (2005)

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Tippling Point: Lucky Stars

ITV, 7pm
Does Ben Shephard ever get a chance to sit down and put his feet up? After all, the poor chap always seems to be on the go. He's a regular presenter of football coverage on Sky Sports, so you'd think that now, during the close season, he'd be keen on enjoying a bit of R&R. But no, he's hosting this slightly bonkers celebrity game show - maybe he sees it as an unmissable opportunity to meet some of the UK's most famous faces. This week, Ben will be rubbing shoulders with John Thomson, Simon Gregson and Ricky Tomlinson.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** The Muslim Premier League. **12.50** Wimbledon 2013.

6.00 Formula 1: German Grand Prix. Suzi Perry presents action from the ninth round of the season at the Nurburgring, which last played host to the German Grand Prix in 2011.

7.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

8.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker, John Craven and Jules Hudson explore the Cambrian Mountains and Elan Valley in Wales. Plus, a project in which working horses have become more useful than tractors: Weather for the Week Ahead.

9.00 The White Queen. Warwick arrives in France, where he starts plotting to restore Henry VI to the throne - so Elizabeth secretly arranges for George to switch sides and come back to England.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Luther. The maverick cop searches for a copycat killer murdering women in a horrific echo of an unsolved case from the 1980s: Tough crime drama, starring Idris Elba. (R)

11.25 Live at the Apollo. Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo, where guest host Sean Lock introduces a set by Liverpoolian comic John Bishop. (R)

11.55 The Sky at Night. **12.15 Film:** Kluge. (1971) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.10 Film:** Spirit of the People. (1940) **9.00** Monday Don's French Gardens. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.00** EastEnders. (R) **1.50** Flog It. (R)

2.50 Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) **3.50** Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) **4.50** Songs of Praise. (R) **5.30** Coast. (R)

6.00 Wimbledon 2013. Sue Barker presents live coverage of the concluding day of the championships at the All England Club, where the men's singles and mixed doubles finals were expected to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson drives the Ferrari F12 Berlinetta. Richard Hammond seeks the world's best taxi and James May pays tribute to the former BBC Television Centre. With guest Ron Howard.

9.00 Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army. Griff Rhys Jones visits Ghana and Burma as he explores the stories of the Africans and Asians who fought for the Allies during the Second World War.

10.00 Blackadder II. Edmund and Lord Melchett are kidnapped. Last in the series. (R)

10.35 Mock the Week. With Milton Jones, Ed Byrne and Ava Vidal. (R)

11.05 What a Load of Buzzcocks. (R)

11.35 Today at Wimbledon. A look back at the men's singles final.

12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.30** Holy City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.30** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday.

9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. (R) **11.25** Film: Death on the Nile. (1978)

2.05 Love Your Garden. (R) **3.05** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.05** Film: Johnny English. (2003)

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Tippling Point: Lucky Stars. Actors Simon Gregson, John Thomson and Ricky Tomlinson take part in the quiz, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

8.00 All Star Mr & Mrs. With actress Sally Lindsay and rock drummer Steve White, Hi-de-Hi star Ruth Madoc with her husband John Jackson, and chef Gary Rhodes and his wife Jennie. Phillip Schofield hosts.

9.00 Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) A bride asks three of her mother's old flames to her wedding to learn which one is her father. Musical comedy featuring Abba songs, starring Meryl Streep.

11.05 ITV News; Weather.

11.25 The Talent Show Story. (R) **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** The Store. **2.55** Monk. (R) **3.40** Motorsport UK. **4.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Blancpain Endurance Series. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** The Simpsons. (R) **1.15** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** Film: Baby's Day Out. (1994)

Family comedy, with Joe Mantegna. **3.40** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. **5.45** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks. (2007) Children's comedy, starring Jason Lee.

7.35 Channel 4 News.

8.00 The Lost Submarine of WWI: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson and historian Innes McCartney uncover the experimental origins of Britain's Submarine Service, through a series of wreck dives and underwater blast tests.

9.00 The Returned. Camille is rejected by Frederic. Simon is abruptly separated from Adele and Chloe, and Lena is nursed by the serial killer as he strives to keep his impulses under control.

10.10 Film: Hot Tub Time Machine. (2010) Three unhappy friends travel back in time to their youth in 1986 and are tempted to give themselves the lives they always wanted. Sci-fi comedy, starring John Cusack and Clark Duke.

12.05 Film: The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult. (1994) **1.30** Film: Letters from Iwo Jima. (2006) Second World War drama, starring Ken Watanabe. **3.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** Countdown. (R) **5.30** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) **5.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerets. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Mio Mio. (R) **7.05** Roshonara and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R)

9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.30** Monkey Life. (R) **12.00** Big Brother. (R) **12.55** BB: 100%: Pylat's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **1.55** Film: Teen Wolf Too. (1987) **3.45** Film: Harry and the Hendersons. (1987)

6.00 Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. (1968) Children's musical adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke, Lionel Jeffries, Sally Ann Howes and Gert Frobe.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: The Siege. (1998) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

12.10 The Town the Travellers Took Over. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michael's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Film: Bend It Like Beckham (2002) **9.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Charles Darwin and the Tree of Life **8.00** Timeshift: Between the Lines - Railways in Fiction and Film **9.00** Alice Walker: Beauty in Truth **10.00** Film: Oslo, August 31st (2011) **11.30** Paul McCartney & Wings: Rockshow

ITV2
2.45 Film: You've Got Mail (1998) **5.05** Film: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (1977) **7.30** Film: Ocean's Thirteen (2007) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen

ITV3
2.35 Film: Rising Damp (1980) **4.35** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.45** Wycliffe **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** A Touch of Frost **11.15** Blue Murder

ITV4
12.00 Tour de France 2013 Live **4.00** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** World's Wildest Police Videos **5.55** The Professionals **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Darts: European Championship Live. The European Championship. **11.00** Film: Driven to Kill (2009)

4.35 90210 **5.35** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** Film: The Golden Child (1986) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** Skins: Fire - Part One

2.50 The Iron Giant (1999) **4.30** The Searchers (1956) **6.50** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **9.00** Skyline (2010) **10.50** Dead Man's Shoes (2004)

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Tora! Tora! Tora!, Channel 4, 12.25pm
 Fact-based Second World War drama recounting the bombing of Pearl Harbour from both the Japanese and American perspectives, reconstructing the events leading up to the devastating attack on the US naval base in 1941. Starring Martin Balsam, So Yamamura, Joseph Cotten and Jason Robards. (1970)

Gospel of Deceit, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A preacher's wife has an affair with a mysterious drifter who has been given a place to stay by her husband. She comes to realise that her marriage is too important to throw away and breaks off the fling, only to find her spurned lover has a dangerous side to his nature. Thriller, starring Alexandra Paul. (2006)

TUESDAY
After the Fall, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A competitive showjumper is preparing to compete in a regional competition when she falls off her horse, and left paralysed by her injuries. With the aid of her family and friends, she makes a determined effort to learn how to walk again. Drama, starring Andrea Bowen, Greg Evigan, Gail O'Grady and Rick Malambri. (2010)



Jarhead, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

WEDNESDAY
Next Stop Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A woman discusses her family problems with a stranger she meets on a bus, but is horrified when her confidante suggests each of them kill the person making the other's life difficult. As her murderous acquaintance grows increasingly obsessive, she begins to suspect there is more to the deadly plot than meets the eye. Thriller, starring Brigid Brannagh. (2010)

THURSDAY
The King's Speech, Film 4, 9pm
 The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth. (2010)

FRIDAY
Jarhead, ITV, 10.35pm
 A fresh-faced Marine's boot-camp training turns into a real tour of duty when he is sent to fight in the first Gulf War. However, the desert action is not what the new recruit expected – the willing soldiers are forced to wait for hours in searing heat, while their day is punctuated by moments of terror. Drama, based on the book by veteran Anthony Swofford, starring Jake Gyllenhaal. (2005)

Pick of the Week

Mapping the chances of finding Keith's remains

It's half a century since they first struck, but the names Ian Brady and Myra Hindley still send a shiver down the spine.

Perhaps they always will. After all, their crimes shook the nation, and reading about them now, all these decades later, is still chilling. Brady and Hindley were lovers when they carried out the notorious Moors Murders between July 1963 and October 1965, during which time they killed five children ranging in age from 10 to 17; at least four of their victims were also sexually assaulted.

The murders were described to be a result of a "concatenation of circumstance" by Malcolm MacCulloch, professor of forensic psychiatry at Cardiff University, who described the killers as "a young woman with a tough personality, taught to hand out and receive violence from an early age" and a "sexually sadistic psychopath".

Initially Hindley and Brady were convicted of three murders (those of Edward Evans, Lesley Anne

Downey and John Kilbride), but later confessed to also killing Pauline Reade and Keith Bennett; Pauline's body was later found on Saddleworth Moor, close to the graves of their other victims – but the whereabouts of Keith's remains are still unknown, despite several searches of the area.

Hindley took the secret of his resting place to her own grave – she died in 2002 at the age of 60. But many believe that Brady knows exactly where he is, but refuses to tell anybody; Keith's mother Winnie died in 2012 without ever finding out.

However, with Brady back in the news recently following a hearing in which he attempted to secure a move from the high-security Ashworth Hospital to a regular prison, the search for the 12-year-old is back in the spotlight.

Journalist and documentary-maker Duncan Staff is behind this chilling and, at times, moving documentary about the Moors Murders, which focuses predominantly on where Keith's body may be.

Staff had access to many of Hindley's papers following her death, and claims that photographs taken by the duo were often 'grave markers', i.e. they took them on the spot where they buried their victims. He also believes a selection shot at a Staffordshire beauty spot called Ramshaw Rocks could reveal where Keith might be found.

This is not the first time Staff has put forward this theory – it also features in his book *The Lost Boy*, but perhaps this time, greater exposure gained via TV will prompt the police to take a closer look at the area.

Staff describes the documentary as "a look at the relationship between Hindley and Brady during the murders and their manipulation of evidence. I think it will raise one or two important questions about the investigations which have yet to be solved".

Let's hope for the sake of the remaining members of Keith's family that proves to be the case, but whatever happens, it seems that Brady and Hindley – and their terrible crimes – will never be forgotten.



Brady and Hindley: Possession, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
The Apprentice: The Final Five BBC1, 9pm
 On Wednesday, the remaining five would-be entrepreneurs will face their toughest task so far – interviews. As seasoned Apprentice-watchers know, this is traditionally the time when some of Alan Sugar's most trusted associates go through the candidates' CVs and discover they don't know the difference between net and gross income, their resumes are a misspelled collection of fudged dates and inflated achievements, and their business plans could have been worked out on the back of a beer mat. However, if you can't wait until then to find out a little but more the remaining candidates, here's a profile of the remaining contestants, looking at how they made it this far – and whether they have it in them to go all the way to the final.

The Greatest Shows on Earth Channel 4, 10pm
 Daisy Donovan wraps up her series tonight with a nosy around South Korea – and finds there's a lot more to the place than tensions with the North and Psy (the energetic little man of Gangnam Style fame). First up, Daisy meets an online TV star who cooks for an audience of people who live alone, before taking part in the country's top-rated TV shows, but she has to work hard to understand the humour. With tensions higher than they've ever been between North and South Korea, Daisy goes behind the scenes on a Loose Women-style chat show, where the women reveal the shocking details of their lives in the isolated dictatorship, which include torture, starvation and brainwashing.

TUESDAY
Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well BBC2, 8pm
 TV cookery courses aren't exactly an innovation. Both Delia Smith and Gordon Ramsay have attempted to teach the nation how to put a bit of pizzazz into our meals. But clearly nobody listened to them, because here's Raymond Blanc giving us a few tips of his trade that he believes will inspire us to stop simply opening a tin of baked beans and try something more adventurous. Each week, the Gallic gourmet will focus on one particular cooking skill, and demonstrate how to master it via a selection of simple but delicious recipes.

The Murder Trial Channel 4, 9pm
 Court reporting seems, at times, a rather antiquated business. While the rise in 24-hour news channels has resulted in a deluge of video footage, when it comes to what goes on in our courts, we're left with little more than written accounts illustrated by artist's impressions. Until now, that is: for the first time ever, the Scottish High Court has granted permission for a trial to be filmed. Businessman Nat Fraser was found guilty of murdering his wife but, after a lengthy appeal process, the conviction was quashed, leading to this retrial. Remote cameras follow the whole process, from the jury being sworn in to the

final verdict, providing an insight into a largely unseen world.

WEDNESDAY
Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead Channel 5, 8pm
 Joe Cross is a man on a mission – to save his own life. He's 100lbs overweight, relies on steroids and is suffering from a debilitating autoimmune disease, but he's desperate to take some kind of control over his health. With doctors and medicine unable to help him long term, Joe turns to his life but placing all his faith in the body's ability to heal itself, he embarks on the most important road trip of his life. He trades in his junk food diet, and vows to consume only fresh fruit and vegetables for 60 days all the while travelling 3000 miles across America.

Your Money, Their Tricks BBC1, 9pm
 The seemingly ubiquitous Nicky Campbell is no stranger to shows fighting for peoples' rights. He filled in for many years when Anne Robinson was exposing the Weakest Link on her much-missed game show. This week he's back for another edition of the trial-by-TV show. Together with

Sian Williams and Rebecca Wilcox, they'll be lifting the bonnet on the motor trade, and reporting on how one garage chain gets drivers to pay for unnecessary work. Plus, there's a look at the mis-selling of second-hand cars, and the trio reveal how to save hundreds of pounds on vehicle insurance.

THURSDAY
Nick and Margaret: We Pay Your Benefits BBC1, 9pm
 Hosting Countdown is probably a nice little earner, but do Nick Haver and his former Apprentice colleague Margaret Mountford make enough to pick up the tab for the entire benefits system? Well, it seems we shouldn't take the title of this series quite so literally as instead, it sees the silver-haired duo conducting an ambitious experiment to bring together tax payers and the unemployed to work out just how much should be paid out in benefits. The pair are in Ipswich, where they invite four taxpayers to swap lives with four people who are currently out of work, and decide whether they think the claimants are being paid too much or not enough.

FRIDAY
Coronation Street ITV, 7.30pm
 Lloyd accuses Paul of being a racist after the fireman makes an ill-chosen comment during a game of darts. Lloyd may never have mentioned it during his years in the soap, but it turns out he's been the victim of racial slurs in years gone by, and this incident has reopened the floodgates on past memories. Meanwhile, Peter is not happy with Carla being the main breadwinner in their relationship.

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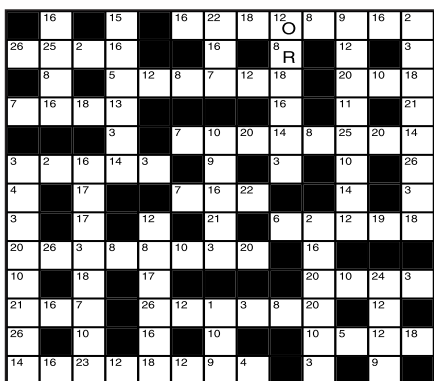
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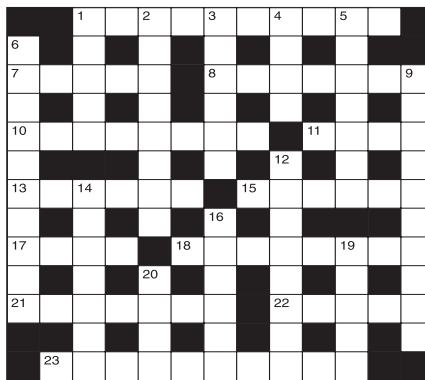
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- Radio set-up necessary for trawlermen? (7)
- Sid coming back with a piece for biological analysis (10)
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- Splitting up a body of soldiers (8)
- State affected by the French city in U.S. (7)
- What the campaignologist produces, we hear, to evoke sympathetic interest (6)
- This holds the victim in fatal suspense (5)
- Lend support to a speculative venture (4)
- Lacking the potential to be famous (7)
- Shackles used by those who wish to drive a long way (5)
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Quick Clues:

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- Choice (10)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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A roll-top bath and shower are features of the bathroom



In the welcoming lounge there is a feature fireplace

Extended home with original features



The period home in Gervase Drive, Dudley

OFFERS around £269,950 are being invited for an extended period detached house which has been expensively refurbished yet retains many original period features.

The property in Gervase Drive, Dudley, offers spacious family accommodation, large gardens - and a hot tub.

Described as ideal for the growing family, it has a porch, hallway, bay fronted lounge, rear extended lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, utility room, WC, large garage, three bedrooms and refitted bathroom with roll top bath.

On the ground floor the sitting/dining room, 10ft 11in by 11ft 11in, has an Adam style fire surround with cast iron inset open fire with tiled cheeks and marble hearth while the lounge - 12ft 10in by 10ft 10in - has patio doors overlooking the rear gardens and fire surround with tiled hearth and gas coal burner effect stove.

The kitchen, 10ft 6in by 8ft, has a range of wall and base units, work surfaces, inset electric halogen hob, electric oven, chimney style extractor hood, Belfast sink and integrated fridge, with a utility room measuring 9ft 9in by 6ft 2in with wall and base units, work surfaces, integrated dishwasher, appliance space and larder unit.

There is also a garage which is 20ft 9in by 12ft 4in and a toilet.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with free standing roll top bath, double shower enclosure, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Outside the house is gently elevated behind a lawned garden and driveway to the entrance porch and garage to the rear.

The rear gardens have a patio, paved area with hot tub under a timber pergola and entertaining section with astro turf with the remainder laid to lawn and beds.

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This modern detached bungalow is on the market for offers in the region of £220,000

A DETACHED two-bedroom bungalow in a quiet cul-de-sac and with views over Cotwall End Valley and beyond is on the market based on offers in the region of £220,000 - and is being sold with no upward chain.

Number 3 Viewfield Crescent was built some six years ago and has been individually designed to provide flexible living space with accommodation comprising of hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms and bathroom.

It also benefits from uPVC double glazed windows, gas central heating, garage and good sized rear garden.

The property is approached over a block

paved driveway to the garage and front entrance with parking for several vehicles.

The lounge, 17ft 6in by 15ft 2in, has a feature fireplace with living flame gas fire and marble hearth while the kitchen - 12ft 3in by 9ft 7in - has a range of floor and wall units, work surfaces, stainless steel sink drainer, integrated oven and gas hob with stainless steel extractor hood, integrated fridge/freezer and plumbing for washing machine. There are two bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite of WC, pedestal wash basin and bath with shower over.

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| 12 | 10 WELLSINGTON ROAD, BILSTON, WEST MIDLANDS, WV14 6AA | Freehold Vacant Residential | £30,000 - £38,000 |
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| 23 | 67 BRIDGE STREET, WALSHALL, WS1 1AD | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £80,000 - £105,000 |
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| 48 | 140 HIGH STREET, WEST BROMWICH, WEST MIDLANDS, B70 6LJ | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £120,000 - £135,000 |
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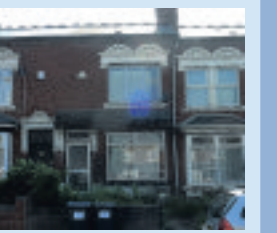
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Property

Cottage complete with summerhouse



McCartneys is handling the sale of this good-sized cottage in Ditton Priors, located near market town Bridgnorth

A COTTAGE in the picturesque village of Ditton Priors, near Bridgnorth, is for sale based on offers in the region of £375,000.

The property in South Road comes with centrally heated and double glazed accommodation including two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, ground floor cloakroom/shower room, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom with WC, timber summerhouse/studio and detached garage. Double gates from South Road lead to a block paved parking area, while

inside the cloakroom/shower room has a corner shower cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

An archway from the hall opens to a beamed dining room, 12ft 7in by 12ft 7in, with a fireplace, stairs to the first floor and door to a sitting room measuring 15ft 10in by 14ft 5in and with a brick fireplace with quarry tiled hearth and cast iron LPG stove.

The kitchen, 12ft 5in by 8ft 6in, has a range of base, drawer and wall units, roll top work surfaces, stainless steel single drainer sink with mixer tap, four ring electric hob with cooker hood over,

plumbing for washing machine and opening to a breakfast/utility area

measuring 12ft 7in by 8ft 10in with oven, Belfast style sink and plumbing for washing machine.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with shower over and screen, wash hand basin, bidet and WC.

Outside a notable feature of the cottage are the south-facing gardens with paved patio area, raised beds, steps up to timber store, raised lawn with borders and summerhouse/studio, with a detached garage.

For further details, or to view, contact estate agent McCartneys on 01746 767488.

Grade II listed chocolate box home has variety of features



This charming black and white cottage is priced around £250,000. Call Allan Morris & Jones for further information

A CHARMING Grade II listed black and white cottage in a secluded backwater position in the Georgian riverside town of Bewdley is on the market priced at £250,000.

Mary Garden Cottage, off Severnside North and conveniently placed for walking into town, has an enclosed porch, lounge with exposed beams, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, dressing room, en suite shower room, bathroom, gas central heating and gardens with summer house.

On the ground floor the timber framed property has a lounge with ceiling and wall timbers, flagstone floor and corner raised hearth with lot burner and staircase to the first floor.

The breakfast kitchen has been completely refitted with a range of wall and base cupboards, drawers and display shelves, integrated fridge freezer, Rangemaster gas/

electric cooker, breakfast bar, space for washing machine and dishwasher, Belfast sink and bench seat.

On the first floor the former airing cupboard now houses a tumble dryer, with two bedrooms and a dressing room - bedroom two with built-in wardrobe.

Vanity

The house has a family bathroom with a spa bath with shower over, vanity unit with stone basin and WC, with the dressing room which was formerly a bedroom having access via a staircase to the galleried bedroom three with en suite shower.

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HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close

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HALESOWEN, Coombs Road

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HALESOWEN, Hoosen Close

A delightful modern refurbished mid terrace house located within a desirable quiet cul de sac. Features a lovely refitted kitchen with electric oven/hob, fridge freezer and hotpoint washer/dryer. Gas central heating, large lounge with patio doors offering views across a mature landscaped garden benefiting from a sunny aspect, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, rear garden, garage, parking space. EPC: E

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WORDSLEY, John Street

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ROWLEY REGIS, Clent View Drive

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£450 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, Elbow Street

Situated in a quiet location, within walking distance to Old Hill town and local train station this unfurnished ground floor flat comprises electric storage heating, large living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, communal gardens, allocated parking. EPC: C

£450 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, Elbow Street

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John Padden Close, Rowley Regis



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Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

New Civic has fuel-good factor

FUEL prices and taxes make economy the driving force for a majority of today's motorists, and the race is on among car makers to win friends by cutting running costs.

Now Honda has taken a lead with a new engine which is so thrifty it even puts hybrids in the shade.

It has a healthy 118bhp of power yet it is capable of averaging almost 80mpg with a CO₂ emissions level below the magic 100g/km, which means zero road tax and a much-reduced bill for company car drivers.

The new 1.6 litre turbo diesel is currently only available in the Civic, but it will be an option in the CR-V 4x4 by the end of the year.

It has already won the 'green' award at this year's Tow Car of the Year awards and was officially rated as the most fuel efficient model in the competition.

The British-built Civic, with prices from £19,400, is also giving Honda a welcome boost in the highly competitive fleet car market.

The Civic will be familiar to most with its angular (and still futuristic)

shape as a five-seater family hatchback. The existing diesel in the range is a 2.2 turbo, much acclaimed for its performance – it was originally designed by the same man responsible for Honda's F1 engines.

The new 1.6 i-DTEC can't quite achieve its bigger brother's sheer grunt, but with 118bhp on tap it still does the 0 to 62mph dash in just over ten seconds.

And it does win hands down in economy terms – 78.5mpg average and over 85mpg on a longer run – and that tax-busting 94g/km of CO₂ emissions.

Refinement

Like its bigger brother, the 1.6's performance is marked out by its refinement: it is vibration-free even from cold and is barely audible even at higher cruising speeds.

This is partly due to the impressive build quality but also because the engine just never seems to work very hard. Like most diesels it runs out of steam at around 4,000rpm but all of its impressive 300Nm of torque is available from just 2,000rpm.

In other words, you get all that pulling power and performance with very little fuss, even though six well-spaced gear ratios mean you

can push a bit more enthusiastically if you want it.

The Civic's ride is smooth, adding to the feeling of refinement, with a suspension system which soaks up B-road bumps while preventing roll or wallow through quicker corners. Aerodynamic tweaks to the latest Civic range, principally designed to aid fuel economy, and new door seals have also reduced wind noise.

There are four different trim levels all coming with LED daytime running lights, alloy wheels, stop-start, air-conditioning and an MP3 compatible stereo fitted as standard.

The latest Civic retains the hi-tech, futuristic interior but with some improvements, with traditional 'clocks' for rev counter, fuel and temperature below the LED display with digital speed and driver information positioned higher up in the driver's eyeline.

The centre console houses audio and air conditioning controls.

Alloy wheels, electric mirrors and windows are all included in the basic package as are split/fold rear seats essential for hatchback flexibility. Load space is generous, from 477 to 1210 litres.

The Civic comes with a maximum



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The 30 millionth Volkswagen Golf has rolled off the production line at the Wolfsburg plant in Germany

Iconic Volkswagen Golf hits 30 million milestone

THE iconic family-sized Volkswagen Golf has just reached another major milestone, with the 30 millionth example having rolled off the production line at the giant Wolfsburg plant in Germany.

Since the original Golf first appeared in 1974 it has gone through six further iterations, with today's seventh-generation model offering levels of comfort, performance and economy that were beyond unheard of 39 years previously.

The 30 millionth Golf was a Bluemotion TDI, the most fuel-efficient Golf ever produced with an official combined consumption figure of 88.3mpg.

This particular example went on display for during the factory open day.

Professor Martin Winterkorn, chairman of the board of management of Volkswagen AG, says: "The history of the Golf is also the history of automotive progress. With technologies such as the safe front-wheel drive of the first Golf, the debut of the TDI in the third Golf, ESC (Electronic Stability Control) and the dual clutch gearbox of the fourth Golf and the standard Automatic Post-Collision Braking System of the new generation, this car has continued to democratise progress.

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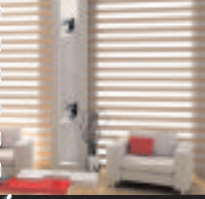
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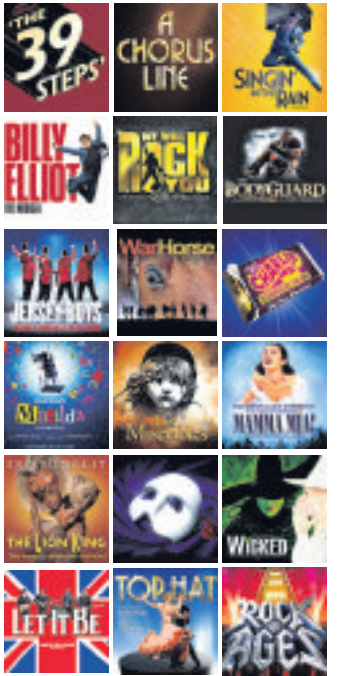
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Tank aims to floor the Masters challenger

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston steps up to championship level in the main event at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday with a new foe to contend with.

Portuguese-born Spaniard Yuri Pompilio has been replaced by Hungarian Norbert Szekeres in the 10-round battle for the vacant International Masters middleweight title.

Szekeres is only 26 but has 41 fights of paid experience and boxed at the Civic against Birmingham's Thomas Costello last year, where he was counted out in the third round.

But Szekeres has since gone the distance with former European champion and WBA world title contender Grzegorz Proksa as well as five rounds with another challenger to the EBU crown, Domenico Spada.

The international visitor brings more ring guile to the table than Aston's scheduled opponent, but 'Tank' admits the fight he really wants is a rematch with Curtis Valentine who ended Aston's unbeaten record last July.

Sky Blues' sale now completed

OTIUM Entertainment Group Limited have completed their purchase of Coventry City Football Club Ltd, joint-administrator Paul Appleton has said.

Appleton brought an end to a lengthy saga two weeks ago when he announced Otiium had emerged successful amid four final bidders for CCFC Ltd, part of the League One club placed in administration by hedge fund owners Sisu in March.

The decision has been met with anger by the majority of supporters as the company is related to Coventry City Football Club (Holdings), which operates under Sisu.

The Football League have been working with Appleton and Otiium to ensure the bid meets their criteria, and are still to rubber-stamp the deal, with CCFC Ltd remaining in administration for the time being at least.

Appleton said: "I can confirm that the asset sale by Coventry City FC Limited to Otiium Entertainment Group Limited has been completed."

By George! Victory for top challengers

Warwick & Worcs Premier Div 1 West Brom FSC 190 The George 234

THE First team had a terrific away win in the local derby where they were up against West Brom FSC.

The opening four games saw The George get off to a good start with wins by Paddy McGuinness (21-9), Pete Davenport (21-13) and Elliot McGuinness (21-18) giving them a lead of 17 shots.

The middle four kept the momentum going to increase

the lead to 38 shots thanks to wins by Alan Belcher (21-3), Phil Clinton (21-15) and Shane Day (21-18).

A further two wins in the back four by Marc Wilson and Steve Dicken (both 21-15) completed a comprehensive 44-shot victory for The George who are now putting in a strong challenge at the top of the table.

South Staffs Premier Division The George 185 Windmill 213

The Second team's struggles continued, this time going down

Bowls

to a home defeat against Cannock side The Windmill. The George started off well and led by 17 shots after the first four, Chris Lambert (21-9) and Mick McGuinness (21-14) both winning.

The Windmill took control of the game after this and had gone into a seven-shot lead after the middle four, Adrian Ford (21-6) being the only winner for The George.

A miserable afternoon for The George was completed having only Mark Atkins (21-16) winning in the back four, and eventually losing the match by 28 shots.

Warwick & Worcs Alliance Div 3 The George 252 Greyhound 95

The Third team had a massive 157-shot home win against The Greyhound from Sutton, winning all 12 games and having seven single figure cards to their credit.

Peter Hayne (21-3) and Bill

Chiswell (21-5), backed up by Phil Brooks (21-11) and Jim Anderson (21-13) saw The George into a 52-shot lead after the first four games.

The middle four increased the lead to 97 shots with wins by Jan Pratley and Dave Hill (both 21-7), Paul rose (21-11) and Neil Hopwood (21-14).

The back four saw big wins for Fred Richards (21-3), Dave James (21-4) and Terry Williams (21-5), with Kevin Arnott (21-12) completing the rout.

Heathens celebrate as Pairs triumph

JUBILANT Dudley Heathens are celebrating National League Pairs victory after a dramatic afternoon at Mildenhall on Sunday.

Ashley Morris and ex-Fen Tiger Lewis Blackbird took the top prize for the former Cradley club, after a disastrous start.

There was also an honorary Heathens hero, with Stoke's Luke Priest producing a brilliant ride in the last race of the final.

Heathens were under early pressure when Blackbird suffered mechanical failure at the start of Heat 1 of the group races, then Morris charged through the tapes to earn himself a 15-metre penalty.

He then rode a stormer to pass both Priest and Lee Smart to join Blackbird for a maximum-points win.

Heathens made a dream start to the final with a 7-2 over Stoke, but Mildenhall responded with a 6-3 over Kent, so the Heat 3 Dudley/Mildenhall clash looked crucial.

The 5-4 under the 4-3-2-0 scoring system put Heathens two points up ahead of the final races.

GROUP A: Dudley 18 - Ashley Morris 10/Lewis Blackbird 8 Stoke 15 - Lee Smart 9/Luke Priest 6
GROUP B: Mildenhall 14 - Dan Halsey 9/Josh Bates 5 Kent 14 - Steve Boxall 12/Ben Morley 2 Coventry 13 - Robert Branford 6/James Sarjeant 7 Buxton 13 - Charles Wright 11/Adam McKinna 2

FINAL: Dudley 17 - Morris 8/Blackbird 9 Mildenhall 15 - Halsey 10/Bates 5 Kent 14 - Boxall 9/Morley 6 Stoke 8 - Smart 2/Priest 6

Good news on Freddie

WOLVES speedway team have received a huge boost with the news that Freddie Lindgren's arm damage is not as bad as first feared.

The Swedish star crashed heavily in the closing stages of the Danish Grand Prix in Copenhagen and was initially thought to have broken his upper right arm.

A CT scan, however, has shown no broken bones - and he has also escaped any muscle damage.

Lindgren has a large wound to his upper arm which has been stitched and will need to be monitored.

The Wolves skipper could be out for just two weeks, although he seems certain to miss next Monday's vital Elite League clash at Monmore, with Poole.

Olympic champ Mo runs Farah-way from rivals

OLYMPIC hero Mo Farah returned to winning ways to thrill fans in Birmingham with a 5,000m Diamond League victory.

The double gold-medallist from London 2012 headed a host of Olympic champions competing in a world-class field at Alexander Stadium in the Sainsbury's Grand Prix.

And the 30-year-old, who has suffered mixed form so far in 2013, beat most of his main rivals for world championship gold in Moscow next month. He held off the fastest two men in the world this year - Ethiopia's Hagos Gebriwet and Yeneu Alamirew - with a trademark sprint finish.

But Farah, who clocked 13min 14.24sec, expects his rivals from Ethiopia and Kenya to draw up a different gameplan to beat him in Russia in August.

He said: "These guys will go away and know they tried to race me on the last lap.

Happy

"They now know they don't want to leave it to the last lap, so they will probably sacrifice someone to go hard somewhere else.

"That race was tough. Everybody was there, all the Ethiopians, all the Kenyans and the guy with the world lead so for me it was important to race against these guys.

"I could have had an easy race - but I didn't want to have an easy race, I wanted to test myself.

"I am really happy that I won because it came down to the last 150m. It gives you confidence."

Farah's fellow London 2012 champion Greg

Athletics

Rutherford could manage only second in the long jump with 8.11m - 16cm short of in-form Russian Aleksandr Menkov but 14cm ahead of fellow Brit Chris Tomlinson in third.

Rutherford said: "I wouldn't say I'm pleased, because I'm never pleased if I'm not winning. But it was better and I'm starting to feel in the groove of the jump a little bit more, which is something I talked about last week.

"To finish second this time against a quality field is good and it bodes well for the world championship.

"Menkov is in great shape at the moment and in a fantastic groove and jumping really well - but there's no reason why he's not beatable and that's the aim."

Birmingham-based Olympic bronze-medallist Robbie Grabarz cleared a season's best 2.31m in the high jump but had to settle for third place behind Ukraine's Bohdan Bondarenko (2.36m).



Mo Farah celebrates in customary style as he crosses the line to win the men's 5,000m at the Alexander Stadium



Greg Rutherford won second place in the long jump



Great Britain's Christine Ohuruogu, centre, wins the women's 400m race at the Alexander Stadium track

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Ricky to dedicate fight to mother

TIPTON'S Ricky Summers has vowed to dedicate his comeback fight at Wolverhampton Civic Hall to his mother.

Shirley Summers, 62, lost her battle with leukemia in March after previously battling breast cancer, just weeks after Ricky competed in his second pro fight at the Civic.

The 25-year-old then took a short break from boxing but the former senior ABA Midlands champion and national semi-finalist was enticed back into the gym, the home of Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club.

Now his mind is focused on Saturday's fight night at the Civic. He said: "This fight is for my mum, I am going to do her proud and boxing has helped me to come to terms with what has happened."

Summers continued to train while his mother was ill. He feels he has never been able to truly dedicate himself to the sport since turning pro last June.

Nonetheless, he has an undefeated two-fight paid record and plans to drop to super middleweight, after shedding nearly two stone for Saturday's light heavy contest, set at 12st 10lb.

James Tucker could yet be preferred to Tony Shields as an opponent. For tickets, call the Civic box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul on 07976 283 157

Paterson in Forest move

JAMIE Paterson has completed his switch to Nottingham Forest to join the exodus of Walsall goalscorers.

The coveted 21-year-old wide player agreed a three-year deal with the Championship outfit.

The Saddlers declined to confirm the fee but it is understood Forest have agreed a six-figure down-payment - but with add-ons taking the total beyond £1m should Forest winning promotion.

The League One club believe they have struck a "top-dollar" deal for last season's 13-goal forward who was entering the final year of his contract at The Banks's Stadium.

But it completes a dispiriting week for Saddlers fans who have seen Febian Brandy join Sheffield United and Will Grigg agree to a switch to Brentford.

Whiley on crest of a wave at Wimbledon

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley goes into her third Wimbledon Wheelchair Doubles Event this week on the crest of a wave after winning the first Super Series title of her career over the weekend at the BNP Paribas Open de France.

Whiley won the women's doubles in Paris, partnering Japan's Yui Kamiji, the same player she partners this week at Wimbledon.

After a first round bye second seeds Whiley and Kamiji dropped just five games in the course of winning their quarter-final and semi-final matches, beating fourth seed Katharina Kruger of Germany and Fran-

Wheelchair tennis

cisca Mardones of Chile 6-1, 6-2 to reach the final. Whiley and Kamiji then upset Britain's Lucy Shuker and Aniek van Koot of the Netherlands, the top seeds, in the final, securing a 6-2, 6-4 win to remain unbeaten in two tournaments together, having won the ITF 1 Series Korea Open in early June.

The Paris final was the first time two British women had been on the opposite side of the net in one of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour's six Super Series events, the

highest tier of tournament outside of the Grand Slams.

Whiley and Kamiji will again have Shuker on the other side of the net in tomorrow's women's singles semi-finals at Wimbledon. Last year Whiley and Shuker reached the Wimbledon final together before going on to win the women's doubles bronze medal at the London 2012 Paralympics, but this year Shuker will partner Dutchwoman Marjolijn Buis, with whom she reached the final of the Australian Open in January.

"Obviously I'm delighted with the start me and Yui have made as a doubles partnership over the last month and to win my first

Super Series title is amazing," said Whiley. Whiley was a quarter-finalist in the women's singles in Paris last week and in the last eight she met second seed Sabine Ellerbrock for the first time since Whiley had beaten the German at May's Atlanta Open.

However, Ellerbrock proved the stronger on this occasion and beat sixth seed Wiley 7-6(4), 6-2 en route to finishing runner-up in the tournament and subsequently becoming the new women's No.1 ranked player this week.

Whiley retains her world rankings of No.8 in singles and No.7 in doubles.

Peace in threat on academy

CHAIRMAN Jeremy Peace has warned he could scrap the club's current academy system in an angry response to the latest potential raid on its top prospects.

Albion and Peace were already furious that 14-year-old England age group star Yan Dhanda was hunted by Arsenal and Liverpool.

Reports from London claiming Chelsea have now got their claws into 16-year-old Isaiah Brown, the midfielder who made it to the Baggies' Premier League squad last season and is rated one of their strongest prospects for years, have further blackened the owner's mood.

All four divisions adopted the unpopular Elite Player Performance Plan two years ago which would guarantee Albion compensation of £209,000, plus add-ons based on the player's eventual appearances. But the numbers aren't stacking up for Peace and he will spend the next year seriously reviewing Albion's category one youth operation.

"I thought originally with category one clubs that they were not able to poach players from other category one clubs - but they can," he said.

Wagner signing now confirmed

WOLVES confirmed the signing of Danish defender Victor Wagner.

The 17-year-old centre-back said on Twitter over the weekend that he has signed after impressing for Esbjerg last season.

Wagner, who will join the club's Under-18s squad, chose Wolves after trials with Albion, Stoke and Huddersfield.

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WELBORN HITS BACK AFTER TITLE DEFEAT

ROWLEY Regis fighter Jason Welborn intends to campaign at light middleweight after instantly rebounding from his British title defeat by stepping up to box a six-rounder.

The night after Welborn's welterweight conqueror Frankie Gavin retained his belt for a second time, the former Midlands champion was also back in the ring at the Institute in Birmingham last Saturday.

The 27-year-old fighter put on extra pounds to outpoint capable Pole Tomasz Mazurkiewicz in the main event of promoter Marcus Anderson-Hitchens well-attended bill.

Welborn is planning to stay in the 11st division and target the likes of English champion Navid Mansouri and Commonwealth title holder Liam Smith on his path back to belts.

Welborn said: "I felt strong at the weight and I only had about three weeks' notice for the fight.

"I think we are looking at maybe a Masters belt next to get me used to the title distance again.

Welterweight
"I think I am going to stick at light-middle now but if titles come up at welterweight and I have got the time to get my weight down, then I can't rule that out, either."

"I could feel the difference boxing at light middle last week.

"My power was better, my recovery in the corner round to round was better, everything was better."

Mazurkiewicz displayed his own durability and was given a share of a round by the referee, Dudley's Shaun Messer, possibly for the last where both were warned for grappling.

Welborn had stung his opponent with two big right

by Craig Birch

hooks in the second and looked to have him cornered with the latter shot in the corner, but Mazurkiewicz grinned and boxed his way out.

The visitor landed a big right hook of his own in the third but Welborn shrugged it off and started to work to the body, with both fighters hands starting to drop from the fifth.

Welborn said: "I knew what I was getting in with, he's a tricky boxer who is clever and he was tough, too, I hit him with some good, clean shots and he kept on coming."

"I could feel the power behind those punches and he kept taking them, he was fit and game and it was good to get the six rounds in."

"I just used my jab and relaxed."

On the under-card, Smethwick-based Zimbabwean Disney Huni was defeated for the first time as a professional boxer in his second paid contest at the same venue.

Returning to the scene of his points win over London-based Bulgarian Danny Dontchev in April, Huni lost a 40-37 over-the-distance decision to Welshpool's Warren Sindén.



Jason Welborn had his opponent Pole Tomasz Mazurkiewicz on the ropes. Picture: Rob Ellis Photography-UKO Boxing

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